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PERSONAL REACTIONS TO 9/11: *The polls after 9/11 provided an indication of how ordinary Americans reacted to the tragedy. A deeply religious nation found prayer a source of comfort. A deeply patriotic nation displayed the flag and sang the national anthem.* A generous nation donated to relief funds. A majority of men and women in Gallup's September 14-15, 2001 poll said they cried. Many Americans told friends and family they loved them and called to be in touch. Around three in ten told Harris Interactive pollsters that they considered stocking up on water and food supplies. Nine percent told Fox News/Opinion Dynamics interviewers in late September 2001 that they actually did. In early March 2002, Gallup found that 13 percent had stockpiled food, water, and other supplies in case of another terrorist attack. The proportion that felt depressed or had trouble sleeping declined.*

Gallup revisited some of these issues in March and September 2002, and found – unsurprisingly – that smaller numbers had flown the flag, prayed more than usual, cried, or called loved ones “in the past two weeks” than had done so immediately after 9/11. In September 2007, Gallup/USA Today found that 50 percent of those surveyed thought that the 9/11 attacks had permanently changed the way Americans live their lives. When asked about themselves, however, only 29 percent said it had changed the way they live their lives.

**For an AEI compilation of polls on patriotism in America, go to:
<http://www.aei.org/publication14889/>*

- Did you, personally, do any of the following because of today's attacks...?

Sep. 11, 2001

ABC News/Wash Post

	Yes	No
Watch or listen to broadcast news reports	99	1
Pray for the victims and their families	91	8
Change your daily plans or activities in any way	53	47
Stay home from work or leave early	31	69
Call or email a friend or relative in New York or Washington to see how they were	28	72

- As a result of the terrorist attacks, are you...?

Sep. 13-17, 2001

PSRA/Pew Research Center

	Yes	No
Keeping the TV or radio tuned to the news	81	19
Praying more	69	30
Reading newspapers more closely	46	54
Checking the Internet for news updates	33	66
Considering cancelling an airplane trip	24	73
Considering cancelling a trip to a major city	21	77

- Within the past two weeks, have you, personally, done any of the following as a direct result of September 11th? How about...

		Yes	No
Display an American flag			
Sep. 14-15, 2001*	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	82	18
Mar. 8-9, 2002	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	68	32
Sep. 2-4, 2002	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	66	34
Show more affection for your loved ones than you normally do			
Sep. 14-15, 2001*	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	77	22
Mar. 8-9, 2002	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	48	51
Sep. 2-4, 2002	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	47	53
Pray more than you usually do			
Sep. 14-15, 2001*	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	74	25
Mar. 8-9, 2002	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	37	63
Sep. 2-4, 2002	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	41	58
Cry			
Sep. 14-15, 2001*	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	70	30
Mar. 8-9, 2002	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	21	79
Sep. 2-4, 2002	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	22	78
Attend a memorial service			
Sep. 14-15, 2001*	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	60	40
Mar. 8-9, 2002	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	28	72
Sep. 2-4, 2002	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	37	63

NOTE: *Question wording was, "As a result of the terrorist attacks this past Tuesday, have you, personally, done or plan to do any of the following? How about...?"

- As a result of the September 11th terrorist attacks, do you think Americans have permanently changed the way they live, or not?

		Yes, changed	No
Sep. 11, 2001^	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	49	45
Mar. 8-9, 2002	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	55	44
Sep. 2-4, 2002	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	54	45
Sep. 3-5, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	52	46
Aug. 18-20, 2006	Gallup/USA Today	53	46
Sep. 7-8, 2007	Gallup/USA Today	50	49

NOTE: ^ As a result of today's September 11th terrorist attacks, have you permanently changed the way you live or not?

- As a result of the September 11th terrorist attacks, have you permanently changed the way you live, or not?

		Yes, changed	No
Mar. 8-9, 2002	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	25	75
Sep. 2-4, 2002	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	18	82
Sep. 3-5, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	23	77
Aug. 18-20, 2006	Gallup/USA Today	22	78
Sep. 7-8, 2007	Gallup/USA Today	29	71

- Level of agreement: The terrorist attack on September 11th, 2001 was the most significant historical event in my lifetime. Our culture, how we all live together in America, and how we as Americans view the world, will never be the same.

		Strongly Agree	Somewhat Agree	Somewhat Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Sep. 6-9, 2007	Zogby International	54	27	10	8

NOTE: Ninety percent of those in the East said the attacks were the most significant events of their lives. Seventy-five percent in the West gave that response.

- It has been six years since the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center. How often do you, personally, think about the terrorist attacks of September 11th, 2001?

		Every day	Few times a week	Once a week	Rarely	ever
Sep. 6-9, 2007	Zogby International	16	23	22	36	2

NOTE: Seventy-seven percent of those in the East said they think about the attacks at least once a week. Forty-six percent in the West gave that response.

- Please tell me whether or not you have done each of the following things in response to last week's events. Have you...?

Sep. 20-21, 2001	PSRA/Newsweek		Yes	No
		Displayed an American flag	79	21
		Donated money, food, or other supplies to the relief efforts	64	36
		Light a candle	60	40
		Gone to a religious or ecumenical service	50	50
		Donated blood to the relief efforts	21	79

- In the past week have you made a special effort to display the flag?

		Yes	No
Sep. 19-20, 2001*	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	80	20
Oct. 3-4, 2001*	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	79	20
Mar. 12-13, 2002	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	61	39

NOTE: *Wording "since September 11."

- In the past week have you made a special effort to be nice to people?

		Yes	No
Oct. 3-4, 2001*	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	56	42
Mar. 12-13, 2002	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	88	11

NOTE: *Wording "since the September 11 terrorist attack."

- In the past week have you...?

Sep. 19-20, 2001	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics		Yes	No
		Said a prayer for peace	91	9
		Made a special attempt to display the flag	80	20
		Donated money or clothing	63	37
		Made or renewed your commitment to your religious faith	52	46

Cancelled or postponed travel plans	12	87
Donated blood	10	90
Stocked up on canned food, bottled water, or other staples	9	91
Bought a cell phone	4	96

- Please tell me whether each of these is something you have or have not done as a result of the terrorist attacks...?

Sep. 27, 2001

Harris Interactive

	Yes	No
Told someone you love them	79	21
Sang God Bless America	70	30
Prayed or attended a religious ceremony	67	33
Cried	64	36
Sang the Star Spangled Banner	63	37
Kept in closer contact with relatives	61	39
Phoned or written a friend you hadn't spoken with in a long time	37	63
Cancelled travel plans	15	84
Planned an escape route from work or home in case something happens	15	85
Reduced your investments in the stock market	10	89

- Please tell me whether you have purchased or are considering purchasing any of the following to prepare for the possibility of another terrorist attack or whether you have not considered purchasing them...?

Extra bottled water

		Have Considered	Have Not Considered
Sep. 27, 2001	Harris Interactive	31	69
Oct. 12, 2001	Harris Interactive	33	66
Nov. 7-8, 2001	Harris Interactive	22	78

Extra food supplies

Sep. 27, 2001	Harris Interactive	30	70
Oct. 12, 2001	Harris Interactive	31	69
Nov. 7-8, 2001	Harris Interactive	22	78

Vaccines for anthrax or smallpox if they were available

Sep. 27, 2001	Harris Interactive	25	74
Oct. 12, 2001	Harris Interactive	26	73

Antibiotics to combat anthrax

Nov. 7-8, 2001	Harris Interactive	11	89
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A gun or rifle

Sep. 27, 2001	Harris Interactive	22	77
Oct. 12, 2001	Harris Interactive	20	80
Nov. 7-8, 2001	Harris Interactive	13	87

A gas mask

Sep. 27, 2001	Harris Interactive	17	83
Oct. 12, 2001	Harris Interactive	12	88
Nov. 6-7, 2001	Harris Interactive	6	93

- Since September 11, have you been more or less likely to...?

Oct. 3-4, 2001	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	More Likely	Less Likely	Same
Wear red, white, and blue		60	8	30
Tell family and friends "I love you"		52	3	43
Spend time with your family		48	3	48
Go out for dinner or a movie		27	12	59
Attend a sporting event or go to other large-scale events		17	20	56
Watch violent television or movies		12	33	48
Be late for work		8	24	52

- In the past few days, have you yourself felt depressed because of your concerns about terrorist attacks or the war against terrorism?

		Yes	No
Sep. 13-17, 2001	PSRA/Pew Research Center	71	27
Oct. 1-3, 2001	PSRA/Pew Research Center	42	57
Oct. 10-11, 2001	PSRA/Pew Research Center	33	65
Oct. 12-14, 2001	PSRA/Pew Research Center	29	68
Oct. 31-Nov. 7, 2001	PSRA/Pew Research Center	24	75

NOTE: In January 1991, according to Pew, 50 percent said they felt depressed about the Persian Gulf War and 49 said they did not.

- In the past few days, have you had any trouble sleeping because of your concerns about terrorist attacks or the war against terrorism?

		Yes	No
Sep. 13-17, 2001	PSRA/Pew Research Center	33	66
Oct. 1-3, 2001	PSRA/Pew Research Center	18	81
Oct. 10-11, 2001	PSRA/Pew Research Center	14	86
Oct. 12-14, 2001	PSRA/Pew Research Center	12	87

- Have you had any difficulty concentrating on your job or your normal activities because of the way you feel about the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon?

		Yes	No
Sep. 13-17, 2001	PSRA/Pew Research Center	59	50
Oct. 1-3, 2001	PSRA/Pew Research Center	31	68

NOTE: In January 1991, with the onset of the Persian Gulf War, Pew found that 15 percent of respondents had difficulty concentrating on normal activities, whereas 85 percent did not.

- In the past few days, have you had any difficulty concentrating on your job or your normal activities because of the way you feel about the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon?

		Yes	No
Oct. 1-3, 2001	PSRA/Pew Research Center	21	79

- Since last Tuesday, September 11th, did you do any of the following in direct response to the attacks in New York City and Washington, DC?

Sep. 13-27, 2001	National Opinion Research Center	Yes	No
Gave money, clothing, or other items to charity		49	51

Donated blood or tried to donate blood	24	76
Stocked up on gas, food, or other necessities	17	83
Avoided going to a specific place like a government building or the downtown of a large city	13	87
Did extra volunteer work for an organization	8	92

NOTE: Answers for New York City residents are also available.

- Which of the following, if any, apply to you because of concerns about terrorism since the September 11th attacks and recent anthrax cases? As a result of concerns about these events have you...?

Oct. 25-26, 2001

PSRA/Newsweek

	Yes	No
Had trouble concentrating or focusing on work, school, or other responsibilities	21	79
Had difficulty getting to sleep or had your dreams disrupted	20	80
Felt unusually depressed	20	80
Had nightmares or bad dreams	11	89

- As a result of concerns about terrorism since September 11th, have you...

Oct. 25-26, 2001

PSRA/Newsweek

	Yes	No
Prayed more often or attended religious services more often	41	59
Consulted a doctor, psychologist or other health care professional to help you cope with stress, anxiety, or depression	5	95
Started taking prescription drugs to help you sleep	5	95
Started taking prescription medicines used for depression or anxiety disorders	4	96
Started taking over-the-counter or store-bought aids to help you sleep	4	96

- How much does the fear of a terrorist attack occupy your mind during a routine day?

		Constantly	Occasionally	Rarely	Never
Oct. 15, 2001	Zogby International	8	43	33	16
Oct. 21, 2001	Zogby International	8	36	41	15
Oct. 22, 2001	Zogby International	7	37	41	15
Oct. 23, 2001	Zogby International	7	36	41	16
Oct. 24, 2001	Zogby International	5	37	40	17
Oct. 25, 2001	Zogby International	6	37	37	20
Oct. 26, 2001	Zogby International	5	37	40	17
Oct. 27, 2001	Zogby International	7	37	36	19
Oct. 28, 2001	Zogby International	6	39	37	17

- As of today, do you feel that your life...?

		Has Returned To Normal	Is Beginning To Return To Normal	Will Never Return To Normal
Sep. 27-28, 2001	PSRA/Newsweek	40	35	7
Oct. 15-21, 2001	PSRA/Pew Research Center	41	31	8

NOTE: The Oct. 15-21 results are from a sample of 1,281 adults who were interviewed for an earlier survey on Aug. 15-21, 2001.

- After you heard the news, did you continue your usual activities? If yes, were you able to carry on pretty much as usual, or did you find it more difficult?

		Carried On As Much As Usual	Carried On, But Difficult	Did Not Carry On
Sep. 13-27, 2001	NORC	24	27	49

NOTE: Responses for New York City residents are also available.

- Can you think of any other time in your life when you had the same sort of feelings you had when you heard this news?

		Yes	No
Sep. 13-27, 2001	National Opinion Research Center	49	51

NOTE: Responses for New York City residents are also available.

- Did you personally say any special prayers at any time during this period?

		Yes	No
Sep. 13-27, 2001	National Opinion Research Center	84	16

NOTE: Responses for New York City residents are also available.

- Americans are reacting to the terrorist attack in various ways. What about you? Since the terrorist attack, have you had any trouble sleeping? If yes, are you still having trouble sleeping?

		Still Having Trouble	Not Now	No
Oct. 25-28, 2001	CBS News/NYT	6	11	83
Sep. 2-5, 2002	CBS News/NYT	5	19	76

- Since the attacks, have you felt nervous or edgy? If yes, do you still feel nervous or edgy?

		Still Nervous	Not Now	No
Oct. 25-28, 2001	CBS News/NYT	20	14	66
Sep. 2-5, 2002	CBS News/NYT	16	28	55

- In the weeks since the terrorist attack, have you been spending more time with your family and close friends, less time, or hasn't it had much effect on how much time you're spending with your family and close friends?

		More Time	Less Time	No Effect
Oct. 25-28, 2001	CBS News/NYT	35	1	64
Sep. 2-5, 2002	CBS News/NYT	35	2	63

- Do you think that things are getting back to normal since September 11th? Would you say that things are completely back to normal, somewhat back to normal, or not back to normal?

		Completely Normal	Somewhat Normal	Not Normal
Oct. 3-4, 2001	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	5	70	24
Oct. 31-Nov. 1, 2001	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	6	58	35
Dec. 12-13, 2001	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	10	68	20

- Did your own life change as a result of the events of September 11th, or not?

		Yes	No
Dec. 7-10, 2001	CBS News/NYT	55	45
Jan. 5-6, 2002*	CBS News/NYT	55	44

NOTE: *When those who said that their lives had changed were asked, “which way did your life change?,” the top replies were “lost job/income” (9 percent) and “more alert/more careful (9 percent).

- How about your own personal life - have the events of September 11th changed your own personal life in a lasting way or not?

		Yes	No
Dec. 18-19, 2001	ABC News/Wash Post	55	45
Mar. 7-10, 2002	ABC News/Wash Post	57	43

(If changed) Have they mainly changed the way you live your day-to-day life or mainly changed the way you feel about things?

		Way You Live	Way You Feel
Dec. 18-19, 2001	ABC News/Wash Post	25	72
Mar. 7-10, 2002	ABC News/Wash Post	24	73

(If changed) Is it a change for the better or a change for the worse?

		Better	Worse
Dec. 18-19, 2001	ABC News/Wash Post	71	28
Mar. 7-10, 2002	ABC News/Wash Post	73	24

- Which of the following best describes your level of patriotism after September 11? Would you say you feel much more patriotic, somewhat more patriotic, or do you have about the same level of patriotism?

		Much More Patriotism	Somewhat More Patriotism	About the Same
Jan. 9-13, 2002	TIPP/IBD-CSM	36	24	39

- Are you displaying an American flag on a daily basis these days - either at your home, on your car or anywhere else, or not?

		Yes	No
Mar. 7-10, 2002	ABC News/Wash Post	65	35
Sep. 5-8, 2002	ABC News	68	32

(If Yes) Did you start displaying the flag on a daily basis after September 11th, or were you doing it before then?

		Before	After
Mar. 7-10, 2002	ABC News/Wash Post	38	62
Sep. 5-8, 2002	ABC News/Wash Post	45	55

- And again, thinking about your own community, are there a lot, some, or hardly any displays of patriotism such as flags, bumper stickers, and signs?

		A Lot	Some	Hardly Any
Aug. 14-25, 2002	PSRA/Pew Research Center	78	18	4

- As a result of the events that occurred on September 11th, do you currently have stockpiles of food, water, or other supplies in case of future terrorist attacks, or not?

		Yes	No
Mar. 8-9, 2002	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	13	87

- Since September 11th, has there been too much, too little or the right amount of expressions of religious faith and prayer by political leaders?

		Too Much	Right Amount	Too Little
Oct. 2001	PSRA/Pew Research Center	12	60	22
Mar. 2002	PSRA/Pew Research Center	16	53	24

- Since September 11th, has there been too much, too little or the right amount of showing the American flag?

		Too Much	Right Amount	Too Little
Oct. 2001	PSRA/Pew Research Center	8	73	17
Mar. 2002	PSRA/Pew Research Center	16	66	1

- The next questions are about the September 11th terrorist attacks on the United States. As far as you can tell, did each of the following actually happen, or not? (If Yes) Do you think this will probably last for a long while, for only a few months or is it already over?

Jan. 2002	Public Agenda/Pew Charitable Trusts	Yes, Happened	No, Did Not Happen	Long Time	Few Months	Already Over
	Some people thought that Americans would appreciate their country more in the aftermath of the terrorist attacks.	87	12	54	38	6
	Some people thought that people would become more caring and thoughtful toward one another as a result of the terrorist attacks	74	24	34	46	18
	Some people thought that America's elected officials would put politics aside and pay more attention to what was good for the country as a result of the terrorist attacks	55	39	30	45	23

- Do you think Americans are more...today than they were before September 11th?

Jun 26-27, 2002	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	Yes	No
	Patriotic	85	12
	Caring	77	19
	Determined	76	17
	Honest	40	46

- Do you think life in the United States will ever completely return to normal, that is, the way it was before 9/11?

		Already Has	Will Eventually	No
Jun. 26-27, 2002	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	10	25	62

- Please tell me if you or members of your family have made any of the following emergency plans in case a terrorist attack were to take place in your area. Have you...

Jul. 9-10, 2002	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	Yes	No
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Set aside some cash	37	62
Identified your local emergency personnel	35	63
Stocked up on food and or/water	23	76
Mapped an escape route	14	85
Purchased a radiation monitor	2	98

- Would you say that as a result of the terrorist attacks last September, America has changed for the better, changed for the worst, or not really changed?

		Better	No Change	Worse
Aug. 2-6, 2002	Associated Press	50	28	15

- Have the terrorist attacks of last September 11 caused you to change any aspect of your personal life or activities in order to reduce your chances of being a victim of terrorist attacks or not?

		Yes	No
Aug. 2-6, 2002	Associated Press	25	73

- Have you or members of your family made any emergency plans, such as stocking up on food and water, or mapping an escape route, in case a terrorist attack were to take place in your area?

		Yes	No
Sep. 8-9, 2002	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	17	83
Feb. 11-12, 2003	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	24	74
Mar. 25-26, 2003	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	22	78
Aug. 21-22, 2007	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	25	75

- Next I am going to read a list of things some people have done in order to prepare for a terrorist attack. For each one, please say if this is something you currently have or do not have. How about...?

		Yes	No
A stockpile of food and water in your home			
Feb. 24-26, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	60	40
Mar. 26-28, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	41	59

A designated person outside your area whom your family members would contact in the event of a terrorist attack

Feb. 24-26, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	46	53
Mar. 26-28, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	38	61

An interior room in your house as a "safe room" in the event of an attack

Feb. 24-26, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	38	61
Mar. 26-28, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	24	76

- In response to terrorist attacks, which of the following, if any, have you personally done to try to reduce your risk of becoming a victim of terrorism. Have you..... assembled a kit with food, water, batteries, first aid, and other emergency supplies, or avoided crowded public spaces like shopping malls and amusement parks or reported a suspicious person or activity to the police?

		Assembled Emergency Kit	Avoided Public Spaces	Reported Suspicious Activity/Person
Apr. 5-7, 2004	AP/Ipsos-Reid	28	19	9

PRESIDENT BUSH'S RATINGS (OVERALL/TERRORISM): Americans rallied around President Bush after 9/11, and his ratings moved into the public opinion stratosphere. President Roosevelt had an impressive 72 percent approval rating before Pearl Harbor. It climbed to 84 percent. George W. Bush had ratings in the low to mid-fifties before 9/11. His rating climbed to around 90 percent. In its mid-July 2002 poll release, ABC News/Washington Post analysts described Bush's ratings this way: "...the longest, highest run of presidential job approval since modern polling began in the late 1930s." In Gallup and ABC News/Washington Post polls at the start of the president's second term, his overall ratings hovered below 50 percent. His overall approval rating in the latest July Gallup/USA Today poll was at 28 percent.

Throughout 2002 and 2003 in most polls, 60 percent or more approved of the job the president was doing handling terrorism. These numbers have slowly declined as well. In February 2008, 47 percent approved according to Gallup/USA Today pollsters.

- Do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling his job as president?
- Do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling terrorism?

		Approve	Disapprove	Approve	Disapprove
Sep. 7-10, 2001	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	51	39		
Sep. 14-15, 2001	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	86	10		
Sep. 21-22, 2001	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	90	6		
Oct. 5-6, 2001	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	87	10		
Oct. 11-14, 2001	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	89	8		
Oct. 19-21, 2001	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	88	9		
Nov. 2-4, 2001	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	87	9	86	12
Nov. 8-11, 2001	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	87	9		
Nov. 26-27, 2001	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	87	8		
Dec. 6-9, 2001	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	86	10		
Dec. 14-16, 2001	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	86	11		
Jan. 7-9, 2002	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	84	12		
Jan. 11-14, 2002	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	83	13		
Jan. 25-27, 2002	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	84	13		
Feb. 4-6, 2002	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	82	14		
Feb. 8-10, 2002	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	82	14		
Mar. 1-3, 2002	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	81	14		
Mar. 4-7, 2002	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	77	18		
Mar. 8-9, 2002	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	80	14		
Mar. 18-20, 2002	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	79	16		
Mar. 20-22, 2002	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	—	—	86	12
Mar. 22-24, 2002	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	79	17		
Apr. 5-7, 2002	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	76	19	86	13
Apr. 8-11, 2002	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	75	20		
Apr. 22-24, 2002	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	77	17		
Apr. 29-May 1, 2002	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	77	20		
May 6-9, 2002	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	76	19		
May 20-22, 2002	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	76	17	83	13
May 28-29, 2002	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	77	17		
Jun. 3-6, 2002	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	70	23		
Jun. 7-8, 2002	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	74	18		
Jun. 17-19, 2002	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	74	20		
Jun. 21-23, 2002	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	73	21		
Jun. 28-30, 2002	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	76	19		

Jul. 5-8, 2002	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	76	18		
Jul. 9-11, 2002	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	73	21		
Jul. 22-24, 2002	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	69	24		
Jul. 26-28, 2002	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	69	26		
Jul. 29-31, 2002	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	71	23		
Aug. 5-8, 2002	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	68	26		
Aug. 19-21, 2002	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	65	28		
Sep. 2-4, 2002	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	66	29		
Sep. 5-8, 2002	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	66	30		
Sep. 13-16, 2002	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	70	26		
Sep. 20-22, 2002	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	66	30		
Sep. 23-26, 2002	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	68	26		
Oct. 3-6, 2002	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	67	28		
Oct. 14-17, 2002	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	62	31		
Oct. 21-22, 2002	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	67	28		
Oct. 31-Nov. 3, 2002	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	63	29		
Nov. 8-10, 2002	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	68	27		
Nov. 11-14, 2002	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	66	26		
Nov. 22-24, 2002	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	65	28		
Dec. 5-8, 2002	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	64	29		
Dec. 9-10, 2002	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	63	32		
Dec. 16-17, 2002	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	63	33		
Dec. 19-22, 2002	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	61	32		
Jan. 3-5, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	63	32		
Jan. 10-12, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	58	37		
Jan. 13-16, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	61	34		
Jan. 20-22, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	58	36		
Jan. 23-25, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	60	36		
Jan. 31-Feb. 2, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	61	35	71	26
Feb. 3-6, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	59	35		
Feb. 7-9, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	61	34		
Feb. 17-19, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	58	37		
Feb. 24-26, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	57	37		
Mar. 3-5, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	57	37		
Mar. 14-15, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	58	38		
Mar. 22-23, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	71	25		
Mar. 24-25, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	69	27		
Mar. 29-30, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	71	26		
Apr. 5-6, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	70	27		
Apr. 7-9, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	69	26		
Apr. 14-16, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	71	24		
Apr. 22-23, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	70	26		
May 5-7, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	69	28		
May 19-21, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	66	30		
May 30-Jun. 1, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	64	32		
Jun. 9-10, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	62	34		
Jun. 12-15, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	63	33		
Jun. 27-29, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	61	36		
Jul. 7-9, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	62	34		
Jul. 18-20, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	59	38		
Jul. 25-27, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	58	38		
Aug. 4-6, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	60	36		
Aug. 25-26, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	59	37	66	31
Sep. 8-10, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	52	43	64	34
Sep. 19-21, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	50	47		
Oct. 6-8, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	55	42		
Oct. 10-12, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	56	40		
Oct. 24-26, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	53	42		
Nov. 3-5, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	54	43		
Nov. 10-12, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	51	45		

Nov. 14-16, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	50	47		
Dec. 5-7, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	55	43	65	33
Dec. 11-14, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	56	41		
Dec. 15-16, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	63	34		
Jan. 2-5, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	60	35		
Jan. 9-11, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	59	38		
Jan. 12-15, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	53	44		
Jan. 29-Feb. 1, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	49	48		
Feb. 6-8, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	52	44		
Feb. 9-12, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	51	46		
Feb. 16-17, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	51	46		
Mar. 5-7, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	49	48		
Mar. 8-11, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	50	47		
Mar. 26-28, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	53	44	58	39
Apr. 5-8, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	52	45		
Apr. 16-18, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	52	45	60	39
May 2-4, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	—	—	52	45
May 7-9, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	46	51	54	43
May 21-23, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	47	49		
Jun. 3-6, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	49	49	56	43
Jun 21-23, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	48	49	54	44
July 8-11, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	47	49		
July 19-21, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	47	49		
July 30-31, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	47	49		
July 30-Aug.1, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	48	49		
Aug. 9-11, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	51	46	57	40
Aug. 23-25, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	49	47		
Sept. 3-5, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	52	46		
Sept. 13-15, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	52	45		
Sept. 24-26, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	54	44	62	36
Oct. 1-3, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	50	48		
Oct. 9-10, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	47	49		
Oct. 11-14, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	48	49		
Oct. 14-16, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	51	47	57	41
Oct. 22-24,2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	51	46		
Oct. 29-31, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	48	47		
Nov. 7-10, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	53	44	60	37
Nov. 19-21, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	55	42		
Dec. 5-8, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	53	44		
Dec. 17-19, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	49	46		
Jan. 3-5, 2005	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	52	44		
Jan. 7-9, 2005	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	52	44	58	39
Jan. 14-16, 2005	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	51	46		
Feb. 4-6, 2005	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	57	40		
Feb. 7-10, 2005	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	49	48	55	42
Feb. 21-24, 2005	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	51	45		
Feb. 25-27, 2005	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	52	45	60	37
Mar. 7-10, 2005	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	52	44		
Mar. 18-20, 2005	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	52	44		
Apr. 1-2, 2005	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	48	48	57	40
Apr. 4-7, 2005	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	50	45		
Apr. 18-21, 2005	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	48	49		
Apr. 29-May 1, 2005	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	48	49		
May 2-5, 2005	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	50	45		
May 20-22, 2005	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	46	50	55	40
May 23-26, 2005	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	48	47		
Jun. 6-8, 2005	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	47	49		
Jun. 16-19, 2005	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	47	51		
Jun. 24-26, 2005	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	45	53	55	41

Jun. 29-30, 2005	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	46	51		
Jul. 7-10, 2005	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	49	48		
Jul. 22-24, 2005	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	49	48		
Jul. 25-28, 2005	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	44	51		
Aug. 5-7, 2005	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	45	51		
Aug. 8-11, 2005	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	45	51		
Aug. 22-25, 2005	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	40	56		
Aug. 28-30, 2005	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	45	52	53	44
Sept. 8-11, 2005	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	46	51	52	45
Sept. 12-15, 2005	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	45	52		
Sept. 16-18, 2005	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	40	58		
Sept. 26-28, 2005	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	45	50		
Oct. 13-16, 2005	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	39	58		
Oct. 21-23, 2005	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	42	55		
Oct. 24-26, 2005	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	41	56		
Oct. 28-30, 2005	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	41	56		
Nov. 7-10, 2005	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	40	55		
Nov. 11-13, 2005	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	37	60	48	49
Dec. 5-8, 2005	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	43	52		
Dec. 9-11, 2005	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	42	55	52	46
Dec. 16-18, 2005	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	41	56		
Dec. 19-22, 2005	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	43	53		
Jan. 5-8, 2006	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	43	54		
Jan. 9-12, 2006	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	43	53		
Jan. 20-22, 2006	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	43	54	52	44
Feb. 6-9, 2006	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	42	55	54	43
Feb. 9-12, 2006	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	39	56		
Feb. 28- Mar. 1, 2006	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	38	60	47	49
Mar. 10-12, 2006	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	36	60		
Mar. 13-16, 2006	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	37	59		
Apr. 6-9, 2006	Gallup/USA Today	37	60		
Apr. 7-9, 2006	Gallup/USA Today	–	–	45	51
Apr. 10-13, 2006	Gallup/USA Today	36	59		
Apr. 28-30, 2006	Gallup/USA Today	34	63	48	50
May 5-7, 2006	Gallup/USA Today	31	65		
May 8-11, 2006	Gallup/USA Today	33	61		
Jun. 1-4, 2006	Gallup/USA Today	36	57		
Jun. 9-11, 2006	Gallup/USA Today	38	56	51	44
Jun. 23-25, 2006	Gallup/USA Today	37	60		
Jul. 6-9, 2006	Gallup/USA Today	40	55		
Jul. 21-23, 2006	Gallup/USA Today	37	59	47	50
Jul. 28-30, 2006	Gallup/USA Today	40	56		
Aug. 7-10, 2006	Gallup/USA Today	37	59		
Aug. 18-20, 2006	Gallup/USA Today	42	54	55	43
Sep. 7-10, 2006	Gallup/USA Today	39	56		
Sep. 15-17, 2006	Gallup/USA Today	44	51		
Oct. 6-8, 2006	Gallup/USA Today	37	59	46	49
Oct. 9-12, 2006	Gallup/USA Today	37	57		
Oct. 20-22, 2006	Gallup/USA Today	37	58		
Nov. 2-5, 2006	Gallup/USA Today	38	56		
Nov. 9-12, 2006	Gallup/USA Today	33	62		
Dec. 8-10, 2006	Gallup/USA Today	38	59	41	52
Jan. 5-7, 2007	Gallup/USA Today	37	59	44	52
Jan. 12-14, 2007	Gallup/USA Today	34	63	46	52
Jan. 15-18, 2007	Gallup/USA Today	36	61		
Feb. 1-4, 2007	Gallup/USA Today	32	65	46	52
Feb. 8-11, 2007	Gallup/USA Today	37	59		
Mar. 2-4, 2007	Gallup/USA Today	33	63		
Mar. 11-14, 2007	Gallup/USA Today	35	61		

Mar. 23-25, 2007	Gallup/USA Today	34	62	45	50
Apr. 2-5, 2007	Gallup/USA Today	38	58		
Apr. 13-15, 2007	Gallup/USA Today	36	60		
May 4-6, 2007	Gallup/USA Today	34	63	47	50
May 10-13, 2007	Gallup/USA Today	33	62		
Jun. 1-3, 2007	Gallup/USA Today	32	62		
Jun. 11-14, 2007	Gallup/USA Today	32	65		
Jul. 6-8, 2007	Gallup/USA Today	29	66		
Jul. 12-15, 2007	Gallup/USA Today	31	63		
Aug. 3-5, 2007	Gallup/USA Today	34	62		
Aug. 13-16, 2007	Gallup/USA Today	32	63	45	52
Sep. 7-8, 2007	Gallup/USA Today	33	62		
Sep. 14-16, 2007	Gallup/USA Today	36	62		
Oct. 4-7, 2007	Gallup/USA Today	32	64		
Oct. 12-14, 2007	Gallup/USA Today	32	64		
Nov. 2-4, 2007	Gallup/USA Today	31	64		
Nov. 11-14, 2007	Gallup/USA Today	32	61		
Nov. 30-Dec. 2, 2007	Gallup/USA Today	34	62		
Dec. 6-9, 2007	Gallup/USA Today	37	57		
Dec. 14-16, 2007	Gallup/USA Today	32	65		
Jan. 4-6, 2008	Gallup/USA Today	32	64		
Jan. 10-13, 2008	Gallup/USA Today	34	60		
Jan. 30-Feb. 2, 2008	Gallup/USA Today	34	61		
Feb. 8-10, 2008	Gallup/USA Today	33	61		
Feb. 11-14, 2008	Gallup/USA Today	31	65	47	49
Feb. 21-24, 2008	Gallup/USA Today	32	62		
Mar. 6-9, 2008	Gallup/USA Today	32	64		
Mar. 14-16, 2008	Gallup/USA Today	32	64		
Apr. 6-9, 2008	Gallup/USA Today	28	67		
Apr. 18-20, 2008	Gallup/USA Today	28	69		
May 1-3, 2008	Gallup/USA Today	28	67		
May 30-Jun. 1, 2008	Gallup/USA Today	28	68		
Jun. 9-12, 2008	Gallup/USA Today	30	64		
Jun. 15-19, 2008	Gallup/USA Today	28	68		

- Do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling his job as president?
- Do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush is against terrorism?

		Approve	Disapprove	Approve	Disapprove
Aug. 28-31, 2001	CBS News/NYT	50	38		
Sep. 11-12, 2001	CBS News	72	15		
Sep. 13-14, 2001	CBS News/NYT	84	9		
Sep. 20-23, 2001	CBS News/NYT	89	7		
Oct. 8, 2001	CBS News	90	5		
Oct. 9, 2001	CBS News	90	7		
Oct. 25-28, 2001	CBS News/NYT	87	8	79	16
Nov. 13-14, 2001	CBS News	85	7		
Dec. 7-10, 2001	CBS News/NYT	86	9	90	6
Jan. 5-6, 2002	CBS News/NYT	84	10	88	9
Jan. 15-17, 2002	CBS News	82	11	87	10
Jan. 21-24, 2002	CBS News/NYT	82	12	87	9
Jan. 29, 2002	CBS News	86	11		
Feb. 24-26, 2002	CBS News	78	14	82	13
Apr. 1-2, 2002	CBS News	77	17	80	17
Apr. 15-18, 2002	CBS News	76	15		
Apr. 28-May 1, 2002	CBS News/NYT	73	18		
May 13-14, 2002	CBS News	77	16	80	15
May 19-20, 2002	CBS News	71	18	74	19
Jun. 18-20, 2002	CBS News	70	20	72	21

Jul. 8-9, 2002	CBS News	74	19	77	17
Jul. 13-16, 2002	CBS News/NYT	70	20		
Jul. 22-23, 2002	CBS News	65	27	70	20
Aug. 6-7, 2002	CBS News	66	25	72	21
Sep. 2-5, 2002	CBS News/NYT	63	28	68	27
Sep. 22-23, 2002	CBS News	66	27	71	22
Oct. 3-5, 2002	CBS News/NYT	63	29		
Oct. 27-31, 2002	CBS News/NYT	62	28		
Nov. 2-4, 2002*	CBS News	61	30		
Nov. 20-24, 2002	CBS News/NYT	65	27		
Jan. 4-6, 2003	CBS News	64	28		
Jan. 19-22, 2003	CBS News/NYT	59	35		
Feb. 5-6, 2003	CBS News	63	28		
Feb. 10-12, 2003	CBS News/NYT	54	38		
Feb. 24-25, 2003	CBS News	56	35		
Mar. 4-5, 2003	CBS News	58	32		
Mar. 7-9, 2003	CBS News/NYT	56	37		
Mar. 15-16, 2003	CBS News	58	35		
Mar. 17, 2003	CBS News	64	31		
Mar. 20, 2003	CBS News/NYT	67	31		
Mar. 20-21, 2003	CBS News/NYT	67	26		
Mar. 22, 2003	CBS News/NYT	68	26		
Mar. 23, 2003	CBS News/NYT	71	23		
Mar. 24, 2003	CBS News/NYT	70	26		
Mar. 26-27, 2003	CBS News	68	26		
Apr. 2-3, 2003	CBS News	67	26		
Apr. 11-13, 2003	CBS News/NYT	73	21		
Apr. 26-27, 2003	CBS News	67	24		
May 9-12, 2003	CBS News/NYT	67	26		
May 27-28, 2003	CBS News	64	29	79	16
Jun. 12-13, 2003	CBS News	66	27		
Jul. 8-9, 2003	CBS News	60	32		
Jul. 13-27, 2003	CBS News/NYT	54	41		
Aug. 11-12, 2003	CBS News	55	35		
Aug. 26-28, 2003	CBS News	55	37		
Sep. 15-16, 2003	CBS News	52	39		
Sep. 28-Oct. 1, 2003	CBS News/NYT	51	42		
Oct. 20-21, 2003	CBS News	54	36		
Nov. 10-12, 2003	CBS News	50	42		
Dec. 10-13, 2003	CBS News/NYT	52	40	64	28
Dec. 14-15, 2003	CBS News/NYT	58	33	68	26
Dec. 21-22, 2003	CBS News	60	33		
Jan. 12-15, 2004	CBS News/NYT	50	45	68	28
Feb. 12-15, 2004	CBS News	50	42	64	27
Feb. 24-27, 2004	CBS News	47	44	65	29
Mar. 10-14, 2004	CBS News/NYT	51	42	64	28
Mar. 30-Apr. 1, 2004	CBS News	49	44	58	34
Apr. 23-27, 2004	CBS News/NYT	46	47	60	32
May 11, 2004	CBS News	44	49		
May 20-23, 2004	CBS News	41	52	51	42
June 23-27, 2004	CBS News/NYT	42	51	52	39
July 11-15, 2004	CBS News/NYT	45	48	51	43
July 30-Aug. 1, 2004	CBS News	44	49		
Aug. 15-18, 2004	CBS News	46	45	53	38
Sept. 6-8, 2004	CBS News	50	43		
Sept. 12-16, 2004	CBS News/NYT	50	42	59	35
Sep. 20-22, 2004	CBS News	48	44		
Oct 1-3, 2004	CBS News/NYT	47	43	57	37
Oct. 9-11, 2004	CBS News	43	48	54	39

Oct. 14-17, 2004	CBS News/NYT	44	48	55	38
Oct. 28-30, 2004	CBS News/NYT	49	44	55	40
Oct. 29-Nov. 1, 2004	CBS News	49	44		
Nov. 18-21, 2004	CBS News/NYT	51	44	59	37
Jan. 14-18, 2005	CBS News/NYT	49	46	56	38
Feb. 24-28, 2005	CBS News/NYT	49	46	61	33
Mar. 21-22, 2005	CBS News	43	48		
Apr. 13-16, 2005	CBS News	44	51	53	41
May 20-24, 2005	CBS News	46	48	58	36
Jun. 10-15, 2005	CBS News/NYT	42	51	52	40
Jul. 13-14, 2005	CBS News	45	50	54	36
Jul. 29-Aug. 2, 2005	CBS News	45	46	55	39
Aug. 29-31, 2005	CBS News	41	51	54	40
Sept. 6-7, 2005	CBS News	42	52	51	40
Sept. 9-13, 2005	CBS News/NYT	41	53	50	43
Oct. 3-5, 2005	CBS News	37	58	46	46
Oct. 30-Nov 1, 2005	CBS News	35	57	47	46
Dec. 2-6, 2005	CBS News/NYT	40	53	48	45
Jan. 5-8, 2006	CBS News	41	52	51	41
Jan. 20-25, 2006	CBS News/NYT	42	51	52	43
Feb. 22-26, 2006	CBS News	34	59	43	50
Mar. 9-12, 2006	CBS News	34	57	45	47
Apr. 6-9, 2006	CBS News	37	56	47	46
Apr. 28-30, 2006	CBS News	33	58	45	45
May 4-8, 2006	CBS News/NYT	31	63	46	48
May 16-17, 2006	CBS News	35	60		
Jun. 10-11, 2006	CBS News	33	60	47	46
Jul. 21-25, 2006	CBS News	36	55	51	42
Aug. 11-13, 2006	CBS News	36	57	51	43
Aug. 17-21, 2006	CBS News/NYT	36	57	55	38
Sep. 15-17, 2006	CBS News/NYT	37	56	54	40
Oct. 5-8, 2006	CBS News/NYT	34	60	46	48
Oct. 27-31, 2006	CBS News/NYT	34	58	44	48
Dec. 8-10, 2006	CBS News	31	63	41	52
Jan. 1-3, 2007	CBS News	30	63	43	51
Jan. 18-21, 2007	CBS News	28	64	42	53
Feb. 8-11, 2007	CBS News	32	59	44	49
Feb. 23-27, 2007	CBS News/NYT	29	61	40	53
Mar. 7-11, 2007	CBS News/NYT	34	58	45	48
Apr. 12-15, 2007	CBS News	31	61	45	47
Apr. 20-24, 2007	CBS News/NYT	32	61	42	51
May 18-23, 2007	CBS News/NYT	30	63	42	52
Jun. 26-28, 2007	CBS News	27	65	39	53
Jul. 9-17, 2007	CBS News/NYT	29	64	39	53
Jul. 20-22, 2007	CBS News/NYT	30	62	39	53
Aug. 8-12, 2007	CBS News	29	65	44	48
Sep. 4-8, 2007	CBS News/NYT	30	64	40	52
Sep. 14-16, 2007	CBS News	29	64	40	54
Oct. 12-16, 2007	CBS News	30	61	41	51
Dec. 5-9, 2007	CBS News/NYT	28	65	40	52
Jan. 9-12, 2008	CBS News/NYT	29	62		
Jan. 30-Feb. 2, 2008	CBS News	27	65		
Feb. 20-24, 2008	CBS News	30	64		
Mar. 15-18, 2008	CBS News	29	64		
Mar. 28-Apr. 2, 2008	CBS News/NYT	28	64		
Apr. 25-29, 2008	CBS News/NYT	28	65		
May 1-3, 2008	CBS News/NYT	28	63		
May 30-Jun. 1, 2008	CBS News	25	67		
Jul. 7-14, 2008	CBS News/NYT	28	65		

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- Do you approve or disapprove of the way Bush is handling the U.S. campaign against terrorism?

		Approve	Disapprove	Approve	Disapprove
Sep. 6-9, 2001	ABC News/Wash Post	55	41		
Sep. 13, 2001	ABC News/Wash Post	86	12		
Sep. 25-27, 2001	Wash Post	90	6		
Oct. 8-9, 2001	ABC News	92	6		
Oct. 15, 2001	ABC News	--	--	92	5
Nov. 5-6, 2001	ABC News/Wash Post	89	9		
Nov. 27, 2001	ABC News/Wash Post	89	9		
Dec. 18-19, 2001	ABC News/Wash Post	86	12	89	9
Jan. 24-27, 2002	ABC News/Wash Post	83	14	88	10
Mar. 7-10, 2002	ABC News/Wash Post	82	16	88	10
Mar. 28, 2002	ABC News/Wash Post	79	18		
Apr. 18-21, 2002	ABC News/Wash Post	78	20	81	18
May 18-19, 2002	ABC News	76	22	79	19
Jun. 7-9, 2002	ABC News	77	20		
Jun. 17, 2002	ABC News/Wash Post	74	22		
Jul. 11-15, 2002	ABC News/Wash Post	72	25	83	15
Jul. 24-28, 2002	ABC News	69	28	81	17
Sep. 5-8, 2002	ABC News	71	27	74	24
Sep. 23-26, 2002	ABC News/Wash Post	67	30	70	28
Oct. 24-27, 2002	ABC News	67	29	74	23
Oct. 31-Nov. 2, 2002*	ABC News	67	32		
Dec. 12-15, 2002	ABC News/Wash Post	66	32	79	20
Jan. 16-20, 2003	ABC News/Wash Post	59	38	71	25
Jan. 27, 2003	ABC News	59	37	72	26
Jan. 28, 2003	ABC News	62	36		
Jan. 30-Feb. 1, 2003	ABC News/Wash Post	62	34	75	21
Feb. 6-9, 2003	ABC News/Wash Post	64	34	74	23
Feb. 19-23, 2003	ABC News/Wash Post	60	34		
Feb. 26-Mar. 2, 2003	ABC News/Wash Post	62	35		
Mar. 20, 2003	ABC News/Wash Post	67	28		
Mar. 23, 2003	ABC News/Wash Post	68	27		
Apr. 3, 2003	ABC News/Wash Post	71	25		
Apr. 9, 2003	ABC News/Wash Post	77	20		
Apr. 16, 2003	ABC News/Wash Post	74	23		
Apr. 27-30, 2003	ABC News/Wash Post	71	26		
Jun. 18-22, 2003	ABC News/Wash Post	68	29		
Jul. 9-10, 2003	ABC News/Wash Post	59	38		
Aug. 7-11, 2003	Wash Post	59	37		
Sep. 4-7, 2003	ABC News	56	41	67	28
Sep. 10-13, 2003	ABC News	58	40	70	27
Sep. 30, 2003	ABC News/Wash Post	54	44		
Oct. 9-13, 2003	ABC News/Wash Post	53	42	67	29
Oct. 26-29, 2003	ABC News/Wash Post	56	42	63	35
Nov. 12-16, 2003	ABC News/Wash Post	57	39		
Dec. 3-7, 2003	ABC News	53	40		
Dec. 14, 2003	ABC News/Wash Post	57	39		
Dec. 18-21, 2003	ABC News/Wash Post	59	38	70	28
Jan. 15-18, 2004	ABC News/Wash Post	58	40	66	33
Feb. 10-11, 2004	ABC News/Wash Post	50	47	64	34
Mar. 4-7, 2004	ABC News/Wash Post	50	48	63	34
Apr. 15-18, 2004	ABC News/Wash Post	51	47	63	35
May 20-23, 2004	ABC News/Wash Post	47	50	58	39
Jun. 17-20, 2004	ABC News/Wash Post	47	51	50	48
July 8-11, 2004	Washington Post	48	50	55	43
July 22-25, 2004	ABC News/Wash Post	50	47	57	40

July 30-Aug. 1, 2004	ABC News/Wash Post	47	49		
Aug. 26-29, 2004	ABC News/Wash Post	50	47		
Sept. 5-8, 2004	ABC News/Wash Post	52	43		
Sept. 23-26, 2004	ABC News/Wash Post	50	45		
Oct. 17-20, 2004	ABC News/Wash Post	50	46		
Dec. 16-19, 2004	ABC News/Wash Post	48	49	53	43
Jan. 12-16, 2005	ABC News/Wash Post	52	46	61	38
Mar. 10-13, 2005	ABC News/Wash Post	50	48	59	38
Apr. 21-24, 2005	ABC News/Wash Post	47	51	56	41
Jun. 2-5, 2005	ABC News/Wash Post	48	52	50	49
Jun. 23-26, 2005	ABC News/Wash Post	48	51		
Aug. 26-28, 2005	ABC News/Wash Post	45	53	56	43
Sept. 8-11, 2005	ABC News/Wash Post	42	57	50	47
Oct. 28-29, 2005	ABC News/Wash Post	39	58		
Oct. 30-Nov. 2, 2005	ABC News/Wash Post	39	60	48	51
Dec. 15-18, 2005	ABC News/Wash Post	47	52	56	44
Jan. 5-8, 2006	ABC News/Wash Post	46	52	53	45
Jan. 23-26, 2006	ABC News/Wash Post	42	56	52	45
Mar. 2-5, 2006	ABC News/Wash Post	41	58	52	46
Apr. 6-9, 2006	ABC News/Wash Post	38	60	50	49
May 12-14, 2006	ABC News/Wash Post	33	65	53	43
Jun. 22-25, 2006	ABC News/Wash Post	38	60	51	47
Aug. 3-6, 2006	ABC News/Wash Post	40	58	47	50
Sep. 5-7, 2006	ABC News/Wash Post	42	55	53	45
Oct. 5-8, 2006	ABC News/Wash Post	39	60	45	53
Oct. 19-22, 2006	ABC News/Wash Post	37	60		
Nov. 1-4, 2006	ABC News/Wash Post	40	57		
Dec. 6-10, 2006	ABC News/Wash Post	36	62	46	52
Jan. 16-19, 2007	ABC News/Wash Post	33	65	46	52
Feb. 22-25, 2007	ABC News/Wash Post	36	62	46	52
Apr. 12-15, 2007	ABC News/Wash Post	35	62	44	53
May 29-Jun. 1, 2007	ABC News/Wash Post	35	62	44	52
Jul. 18-21, 2007	ABC News/Wash Post	33	65	43	56
Sep. 4-7, 2007	ABC News/Wash Post	33	64	46	51
Sep. 27-30, 2007	ABC News/Wash Post	33	64	40	57
Oct. 29-Nov. 1, 2007	ABC News/Wash Post	33	64		
Dec. 6-9, 2007	ABC News/Wash Post	33	64	46	52
Jan. 9-12, 2008	ABC News/Wash Post	32	66		
Jan. 30-Feb. 1, 2008	ABC News/Wash Post	33	65		
Feb. 28-Mar. 2, 2008	ABC News/Wash Post	32	66		
Apr. 10-13, 2008	ABC News/Wash Post	33	64		
May 8-11, 2008	ABC News/Wash Post	31	66		
Jun. 12-15, 2008	ABC News/Wash Post	29	68		
Jul. 10-13, 2008	ABC News/Wash Post	28	69		

NOTE: *Asked of likely voters.

- Thinking about the following characteristics and qualities, please say whether you think it applies or doesn't apply to George W. Bush. How about...is he a strong and decisive leader?

		Yes	No
Oct. 5-6, 2001	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	75	23
Apr. 29-May 1, 2002	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	77	21
Jul. 26-28, 2002	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	70	27
Jan. 10-12, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	76	23
Apr. 5-6, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	80	19
Jun. 27-29, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	75	24
Nov. 14-16, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	66	34
Feb. 16-17, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	65	33

Jan 14-16, 2005	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	61	37
Jul 22-25, 2005	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	62	37
Aug. 28-30, 2005	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	60	40
Sept. 8-11, 2005	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	52	47
Sept. 16-18, 2005	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	49	51
Oct. 28-30, 2005	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	52	47
Jan. 20-22, 2006	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	51	48
Feb. 28-Mar. 1, 2006	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	52	47
Apr. 21-23, 2006	Gallup//USA Today	46	51
Aug. 18-20, 2006	CNN/ORC	51	48
Dec. 15-17, 2006	CNN/ORC	48	51

- Please tell me whether the following statement applies to Bush or not...He is a strong leader?

		Yes	No
Jul. 11-15, 2002	ABC News/Wash Post	75	24
Dec. 12-15, 2002	ABC News/Wash Post	75	23
Apr. 27-30, 2003	ABC News/Wash Post	74	25
Sep. 10-13, 2003	ABC News	66	34
Oct. 26-29, 2003	ABC News/Wash Post	62	37
Dec. 18-21, 2003	ABC News/Wash Post	67	32
Feb. 10-11, 2004	ABC News/Wash Post	61	38
Mar. 4-7, 2004	ABC News/Wash Post	63	36
Apr. 15-18, 2004	ABC News/Wash Post	64	36
May 20-23, 2004	ABC News/Wash Post	62	37
Sept. 8-11, 2005	ABC News/Wash Post	50	50
Oct. 30-Nov. 2, 2005	ABC News/Wash Post	47	53
Dec. 15-18, 2005	ABC News/Wash Post	51	49
Jan. 23-26, 2006	ABC News/Wash Post	52	48
Mar. 2-5, 2006	ABC News/Wash Post	52	48
Jan. 16-19, 2007	ABC News/Wash Post	45	54

- Do you approve or disapprove of the job President Bush is doing handling the issue of terrorism?

		Approve	Disapprove
Sep. 24-25, 2002	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	70	23
Oct. 22-23, 2002*	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	67	22
Dec. 3-4, 2002	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	66	22
May 20-21, 2003	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	73	19
Sep. 9-10, 2003	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	65	29
Nov. 18-19, 2003	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	57	34
Jan. 7-8, 2004	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	67	24
June 22-23, 2004	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	52	40
Oct. 3-4, 2004	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	53	41
Aug. 30-31, 2005	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	53	40
Jan. 24-25, 2006	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	51	44

NOTE: * Sample is likely voters.

- Do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling foreign affairs?

		Approve	Disapprove
Feb. 1-4, 2001	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	46	21
Mar. 9-11, 2001	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	52	27
Apr. 20-22, 2001	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	56	31
May. 18-20, 2001	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	55	35
Jul. 10-11, 2001	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	54	33
Oct. 5-6, 2001	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	81	14
Jan. 25-27, 2001	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	83	14

Feb. 4-6, 2002	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	79	16
Mar. 1-3, 2002	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	78	17
Mar. 22-24, 2002	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	71	22
Apr. 5-7, 2002	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	70	24
May 20-22, 2002	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	70	23
Jun. 28-30, 2002	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	66	27
Jul. 5-8, 2002	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	71	25
Jul. 26-28, 2002	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	63	30
Oct. 21-22, 2002	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	58	35
Nov. 8-10, 2002	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	59	36
Dec. 9-10, 2002	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	59	35
Jan. 3-5, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	60	35
Jan. 10-12, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	53	42
Jan. 23-25, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	50	45
Jan. 31-Feb. 2, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	57	39
Feb. 3-6, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	49	46
Mar. 14-15, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	53	43
Mar. 24-25, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	65	30
Mar. 29-30, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	64	31
Apr. 14-16, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	65	31
May 5-7, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	68	30
Jun. 12-15, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	58	39
Jul. 7-9, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	55	42
Jul. 18-20, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	54	41
Jul. 25-27, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	54	42
Aug. 25-26, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	55	42
Sep. 8-10, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	52	45
Oct. 6-8, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	49	49
Nov. 3-5, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	46	50
Dec. 5-7, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	53	43
Jan. 2-5, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	58	39
Jan. 29-Feb. 1, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	46	51
Feb. 9-12, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	46	52
May 2-4, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	42	53
Jun. 3-6, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	44	54
Aug. 9-11, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	44	51
Sep. 24-26, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	49	48
Nov. 7-10, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	47	50
Jan. 7-9, 2005	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	47	49
Feb. 4-6, 2005	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	51	44
Feb. 25-27, 2005	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	50	46
Apr. 29-May 1, 2005	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	45	49
May 20-22, 2005	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	44	51
Aug. 28-30, 2005	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	43	52
Sep. 16-18, 2005	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	38	58
Nov. 11-13, 2005	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	37	59
Dec. 9-11, 2005	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	42	53
Dec. 16-18, 2005	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	39	57
Feb. 6-9, 2006	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	39	55
Apr. 28-30, 2006	Gallup/USA Today	33	62
Jun. 9-11, 2006	Gallup/USA Today	39	53
Jul. 21-23, 2006	Gallup/USA Today	38	56
Aug. 18-20, 2006	Gallup/USA Today	39	55
Jan. 5-7, 2007	Gallup/USA Today	34	61
Feb. 1-4, 2007	Gallup/USA Today	31	65
Mar. 23-25, 2007	Gallup/USA Today	33	63
May 4-6, 2007	Gallup/USA Today	35	60
Aug. 13-16, 2007	Gallup/USA Today	29	65
Feb. 11-14, 2008	Gallup/USA Today	32	62

- Do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling the situation in the Middle East?

Mar. 22-24, 2006	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	72	23
Apr. 5-7, 2002	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	67	27
Apr. 29-May 1, 2002	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	72	23
Jun. 28-30, 2002	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	67	27
Jun. 12-15, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	60	36
Jul. 21-23, 2006	Gallup/USA Today	37	56
Aug. 18-20, 2006	Gallup/USA Today	39	56

CONGRESS'S RATINGS: Polls taken after 9/11 showed improvements in the public's rating of Congress. Those ratings have come down significantly. It currently stands at 14 percent in Gallup's latest July 2008 asking. This is the institution's lowest mark in history.

- Do you approve or disapprove of the way Congress is handling its job?

		Approve	Disapprove
Aug. 16-19, 2001	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	50	37
Sep. 7-10, 2001	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	42	44
Oct. 11-14, 2001	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	84	10
Nov. 8-11, 2001	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	73	19
Dec. 6-9, 2001	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	72	19
Jan. 7-9, 2002	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	62	29
Feb. 4-6, 2002	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	62	28
Apr. 8-11, 2002	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	57	34
May 6-9, 2002	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	57	33
Jun. 3-6, 2002	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	52	38
Jul. 9-11, 2002	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	54	36
Jul. 26-28, 2002	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	53	36
Aug. 5-8, 2002	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	46	43
Sep. 5-8, 2002	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	52	40
Oct. 3-6, 2002	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	50	40
Nov. 11-14, 2002	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	47	39
Dec. 5-8, 2002	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	50	40
Jan. 13-16, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	49	40
Feb. 3-6, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	50	39
Mar. 3-5, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	48	44
Apr. 7-9, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	58	33
May 5-7, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	49	44
Jun. 12-15, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	50	41
Jul. 7-9, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	49	45
Aug. 4-6, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	45	46
Sep. 8-10, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	40	53
Oct. 6-8, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	41	51
Nov. 3-5, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	43	51
Dec. 11-14, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	43	50
Jan. 12-15, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	48	45
Feb. 9-12, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	41	51
Mar. 8-11, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	42	51
Apr. 5-8, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	43	51
May 2-4, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	41	52
June 3-6, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	41	52
July 8-11, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	40	53
Aug. 9-11, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	40	52
Sep. 13-15, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	41	52
Oct. 11-14, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	40	51

Nov. 7-10, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	41	52
Dec. 5-8, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	41	50
Jan. 3-5, 2005	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	43	48
Feb. 7-10, 2005	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	45	48
Mar. 7-10, 2005	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	37	53
Apr. 4-7, 2005	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	38	54
May 2-5, 2005	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	35	57
Jun. 6-8, 2005	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	34	59
Jul. 7-10, 2005	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	36	58
Aug. 8-11, 2005	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	36	58
Sept. 12-15, 2005	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	35	59
Oct. 13-16, 2005	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	29	64
Jan. 9-12, 2006	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	27	67
Feb. 6-9, 2006	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	25	65
Mar. 13-16, 2006	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	27	65
Apr. 10-13, 2006	Gallup/USA Today	23	70
May 8-11, 2006	Gallup/USA Today	21	71
Jun. 1-4, 2006	Gallup/USA Today	27	63
Jul. 6-9, 2006	Gallup/USA Today	29	61
Aug. 7-10, 2006	Gallup/USA Today	27	65
Sep. 5-7, 2006	Gallup/USA Today	29	63
Oct. 6-8, 2006	Gallup/USA Today	24	68
Oct. 9-12, 2006	Gallup/USA Today	23	71
Oct. 20-22, 2006	Gallup/USA Today	26	67
Nov. 2-5, 2006	Gallup/USA Today	26	63
Dec. 11-14, 2006	Gallup/USA Today	21	74
Jan. 15-18, 2007	Gallup/USA Today	35	56
Feb. 1-4, 2007	Gallup/USA Today	37	55
Mar. 11-14, 2007	Gallup/USA Today	28	64
Apr. 2-5, 2007	Gallup/USA Today	33	60
May 10-13, 2007	Gallup/USA Today	29	64
Jun. 11-14, 2007	Gallup/USA Today	24	71
Jul. 12-15, 2007	Gallup/USA Today	27	66
Aug. 13-16, 2007	Gallup/USA Today	18	76
Sep. 14-16, 2007	Gallup/USA Today	24	71
Oct. 4-7, 2007	Gallup/USA Today	23	71
Oct. 12-14, 2007	Gallup/USA Today	29	64
Nov. 11-14, 2007	Gallup/USA Today	20	69
Dec. 6-9, 2007	Gallup/USA Today	22	70
Jan. 4-6, 2007	Gallup/USA Today	23	71
Feb. 11-14, 2008	Gallup/USA Today	24	70
Mar. 6-9, 2008	Gallup/USA Today	21	71
Apr. 6-9, 2008	Gallup/USA Today	20	71
May 8-11, 2008	Gallup/USA Today	18	76
Jun. 9-12, 2008	Gallup/USA Today	19	74
Jul. 10-13, 2008	Gallup/USA Today	14	75

● Do you approve or disapprove of the way Congress is handling its job?

		Approve	Disapprove
Aug. 28-31, 2001	CBS News/NYT	43	41
Oct. 25-28, 2001	CBS News/NYT	67	24
Dec. 7-10, 2001	CBS News/NYT	57	31
Jan. 21-24, 2002	CBS News/NYT	47	37
Feb. 24-26, 2002	CBS News	50	34
Jun. 18-20, 2002	CBS News	43	40
Jul. 13-16, 2002	CBS News/NYT	49	38
Sep. 22-23, 2002	CBS News	48	36
Oct. 3-5, 2002	CBS News/NYT	41	47
Oct. 27-31, 2002	CBS News/NYT	45	40

Mar. 20, 2003	CBS News/NYT	52	36
May 9-12, 2003	CBS News/NYT	35	48
Jul. 13-27, 2003	CBS News/NYT	39	46
Sep. 28-Oct. 1, 2003	CBS News/NYT	37	47
Jan. 12-15, 2004	CBS News/NYT	45	42
Oct. 14-15, 2004	CBS News/NYT	38	46
Jan. 14-18, 2005	CBS News/NYT	44	39
Feb. 24-28, 2005	CBS News/NYT	41	44
Mar. 21-22, 2005	CBS News	34	49
Apr. 13-16, 2005	CBS News	35	51
May 20-23, 2005	CBS News	29	55
Jun. 10-15, 2005	CBS News/NYT	33	53
Jul. 13-14, 2005	CBS News	33	50
Sept. 9-13, 2005	CBS News/NYT	34	54
Oct. 3-5, 2005	CBS News	31	57
Oct. 30-Nov. 1, 2005	CBS News	34	53
Dec. 2-6, 2005	CBS News/NYT	33	53
Jan. 20-25, 2006	CBS News/NYT	29	61
Feb. 22-26, 2006	CBS News	28	61
Mar. 9-12, 2006	CBS News	32	54
Apr. 6-9, 2006	CBS News	27	61
May 4-8, 2006	CBS News	23	64
May 16-17, 2006	CBS News	26	59
Jun. 8-11, 2006	CBS News	26	60
Jul. 21-25, 2006	CBS News/NYT	28	58
Aug. 17-21, 2006	CBS News/NYT	29	60
Sep. 15-19, 2006	CBS News/NYT	25	61
Oct. 5-8, 2006	CBS News/NYT	27	64
Oct. 27-31, 2006	CBS News/NYT	29	56
Jan. 18-21, 2007	CBS News	33	49
Feb. 8-11, 2007	CBS News	32	52
Feb. 23-27, 2007	CBS News/NYT	33	50
Mar. 7-11, 2007	CBS News/NYT	31	53
Apr. 9-12, 2007	CBS News	34	54
May 18-23, 2007	CBS News/NYT	36	52
Jun. 26-28, 2007	CBS News	27	60
Jul. 9-17, 2007	CBS News/NYT	29	59
Jul. 20-22, 2007	CBS News/NYT	26	61
Aug. 8-12, 2007	CBS News	25	63
Sep. 4-8, 2007	CBS News/NYT	23	66
Sep. 14-16, 2007	CBS News	27	65
Oct. 12-16, 2007	CBS News	27	59
Dec. 5-9, 2007	CBS News/NYT	21	64
Apr. 25-29, 2008	CBS News/NYT	21	68

● Do you approve or disapprove of the way the U.S. Congress is doing its job?

		Approve	Disapprove
Jul. 30, 2001	ABC News/Wash Post	48	48
Sep. 6-9, 2001	ABC News/Wash Post	45	48
Dec. 18-19, 2001	ABC News/Wash Post	59	34
Jan. 24-27, 2002	ABC News/Wash Post	58	35
Jul. 11-15, 2002	ABC News/Wash Post	57	36
Sep. 23-26, 2002	ABC News/Wash Post	51	43
Apr. 27-30, 2003	ABC News/Wash Post	57	37
Oct. 26-29, 2003	ABC News/Wash Post	40	52
Jun. 2-5, 2005	ABC News/Wash Post	41	54
Aug. 28, 2005	ABC News/Wash Post	37	59
Nov. 2, 2005	ABC News/Wash Post	37	59
Dec. 18, 2005	ABC News/Wash Post	43	53

Jan. 8, 2006	ABC News/Wash Post	41	55
Jan. 26, 2006	ABC News/Wash Post	43	53
Mar. 5, 2006	ABC News/Wash Post	36	62
Apr. 9, 2006	ABC News/Wash Post	35	62
May 15, 2006	ABC News/Wash Post	33	63
Aug. 3-6, 2006	ABC News/Wash Post	36	60
Sep. 5-7, 2006	ABC News/Wash Post	40	55
Oct. 5-8, 2006	ABC News/Wash Post	32	66
Oct. 19-22, 2006	ABC News/Wash Post	31	65
Nov. 1-4, 2006	ABC News/Wash Post	36	60
Dec. 6-10, 2006	ABC News/Wash Post	37	57
Jan. 16-19, 2007	ABC News/Wash Post	43	50
Feb. 22-25, 2007	ABC News/Wash Post	41	54
Apr. 12-15, 2007	ABC News/Wash Post	44	54
May 29-Jun. 1, 2007	ABC News/Wash Post	39	53
Jul. 18-21, 2007	ABC News/Wash Post	37	60
Sep. 27-30, 2007	ABC News/Wash Post	29	65
Oct. 29-Nov. 1, 2007	ABC News/Wash Post	28	65
Dec. 6-9, 2007	ABC News/Wash Post	32	60
Jul. 10-13, 2008	ABC News/Wash Post	23	71

- Do you approve or disapprove of the way the United States Congress is handling its job?

		Approve	Disapprove
Nov. 10-13, 2001	L.A. Times	68	20
Jan. 31-Feb. 3, 2002	L.A. Times	59	32
Aug. 22-25, 2002	L.A. Times	53	36
Dec. 12-15, 2002	L.A. Times	49	39
Jan. 15-17, 2005	L.A. Times	45	43
Sep. 16-19, 2006	L.A. Times	30	57
Jan. 13-15, 2007	LA Times/Bloomberg	35	45
Apr. 5-9, 2007	LA Times/Bloomberg	32	58
Jun. 7-10, 2007	LA Times/Bloomberg	28	64

- Do you approve of the job the government is doing to protect the country from terrorism?

		Approve	Disapprove
Feb. 11-12, 2003	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	71	19
Jul. 12-13, 2003	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	56	33
Oct. 11-12, 2005	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	53	38
Jan. 24-25, 2006	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	58	34
Aug. 29-30, 2006	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	55	36
Aug. 21-22, 2007	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	50	39

ARE WE WINNING? The proportion of Americans that believe the United States is winning the war against terrorism has fluctuated. As of September 2007, 49 percent of Americans told CNN/ORC pollsters that neither side is winning the war on terrorism. Thirty-one percent said the U.S. was winning and 19 percent said the terrorists were winning.

- Who do you think is currently winning the war against terrorism – the U.S. and its allies, neither side, or the terrorists?

		U.S. And Allies	Neither Side	The Terrorists
Oct. 11-14, 2001	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	42	44	11
Nov. 8-11, 2001	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	53	33	11

Dec. 6-9, 2001	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	64	28	5
Jan. 7-9, 2002	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	66	25	7
Mar. 4-7, 2002	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	53	34	10
Mar. 22-24, 2002	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	51	35	12
Apr. 22-24, 2002	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	47	39	10
May 28-29, 2002	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	41	35	15
Jun. 21-23, 2002	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	33	49	14
Jul. 5-8, 2002	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	39	43	16
Aug. 5-8, 2002	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	37	46	14
Oct. 14-17, 2002	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	32	44	21
Dec. 5-8, 2002	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	33	46	19
Jan. 31-Feb. 2, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	35	44	16
Mar. 3-5, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	37	43	17
Apr. 22-23, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	65	28	5
May 19-21, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	54	32	11
Jul. 18-20, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	48	34	15
Oct. 10-12, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	42	42	13
Jan. 12-15, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	51	35	14
July 19-21, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	40	41	16
Oct. 9-10, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	38	41	19
Jan. 7-9, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	37	42	20
Jul. 19-21, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	40	41	16
Oct. 9-10, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	38	41	19
Jan. 7-9, 2005	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	37	42	20
Jun. 24-26, 2005	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	36	41	20
July 7-10, 2005	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	34	44	21
Aug. 28-30, 2005	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	34	42	23
Jan. 20-22, 2006	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	41	42	14
Jun. 9-11, 2006	Gallup/USA Today	38	41	16
Aug. 18-20, 2006	Gallup/USA Today	35	44	18
Jun. 11-14, 2007	Gallup	29	50	20

- Who do you think is currently winning the war against terrorism - the U.S. and its allies, neither side, or the terrorists?

		U.S. And Allies	Neither Side	The Terrorists
Oct. 27-31, 2002	CBS News/NYT	34	47	14
Nov. 20-24, 2003	CBS News/NYT	31	43	20
Jan. 4-6, 2003	CBS News/NYT	32	44	17
Jan. 19-22, 2003	CBS News/NYT	41	38	15
Mar. 4-5, 2003	CBS News/NYT	41	33	16
Mar. 7-9, 2003	CBS News/NYT	45	34	14
Apr. 11-13, 2003	CBS News/NYT	62	25	7
Apr. 26-27, 2003	CBS News	59	27	10
May 9-12, 2003	CBS News/NYT	61	26	9
May 27-28, 2003	CBS News	53	35	9
Dec. 14-15, 2003	CBS News/NYT	52	33	9
July 30-Aug, 1, 2004	CBS News	37	38	18
Sept. 6-8, 2004	CBS News	41	38	14
Nov. 18-21, 2004	CBS News/NYT	44	38	12
Jan. 14-18, 2005	CBS News/NYT	39	41	17
Jul. 29-Aug. 2, 2005	CBS News	40	38	17
Aug. 29-31, 2005	CBS News	38	39	15
Jun. 10-11, 2006	CBS News	43	42	11
Aug. 11-13, 2006	CBS News	35	41	20
Aug. 17-21, 2006	CBS News/NYT	36	38	21

- On another subject, do you think the United States is winning or losing the war on terrorism?

		Winning	Losing	Neither/Draw
October 2-6, 2002	ABC News/Wash Post	47	24	21
March 4-7, 2004	ABC News/Wash Post	56	27	14
April 15-18, 2004	ABC News/Wash Post	54	30	13
July 8-11, 2004	Washington Post	46	38	13
July 22-25, 2004	ABC News/Wash Post	51	34	10
Aug. 26-29, 2004	ABC News/ Wash Pos	54	31	12
Sept. 6-8, 2004	ABC News/Wash Post	55	25	10
Sept. 8-14, 2004	PSRA/Pew Research Center	52	28	9
Sept. 6-10, 2006	PSRA/Pew Research Center	41	40	9
Nov. 1-4, 2006	PSRA/Pew Research Center	46	33	10
Jul. 25-29, 2007	PSRA/Pew Research Center	40	39	12

- As of right now, do you think the U.S. and its allies are winning the war against terrorism?

		Yes	No
Oct. 17-18, 2001	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	47	32
Nov. 14-15, 2001	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	62	18
Nov. 28-29, 2001	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	67	15
Sep. 8-9, 2002	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	36	43
Nov. 19-20, 2002	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	37	42
Jun. 3-4, 2003	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	57	29
Sep. 9-10, 2003	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	55	33
Mar. 23-24, 2004	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	41	44
Sep. 12-13, 2006	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	41	51

- Do you think that the U.S. campaign against terrorism is going very well, fairly well, not too well, or not well at all?

		Very Well	Fairly Well	Not Too Well	Not Well At All
Jan. 25-27, 2002	ABC News/Wash Post	32	56	8	4
Mar. 7-10, 2002	ABC News/Wash Post	21	63	10	6
Apr. 18-21, 2002	ABC News/Wash Post	11	63	17	9
Jul. 11-15, 2002	ABC News/Wash Post	15	60	16	8
Sep. 5-8, 2002	ABC News	10	60	21	8
Sep. 23-26, 2002	ABC News/Wash Post	15	58	17	9
Apr. 27-30, 2003	ABC News/Wash Post	26	57	10	6
Sep. 4-7, 2003	ABC News	12	57	19	10
Oct. 26-29, 2003	ABC News/Wash Post	8	54	23	14
Dec. 14, 2003	ABC News/Wash Post	17	47	21	20
Jun. 22-25, 2006	ABC News/Wash Post	13	44	23	18
Sep. 5-7, 2006	ABC News/Wash Post	7	45	26	21
Sep. 4-7, 2007	ABC News/Wash Post	8	46	23	21

- Who do you think is currently winning the war against terrorism – the U.S. and its allies, neither side, or the terrorists?

		U.S. and its allies	Neither side	The terrorists
Jun. 8-11, 2006	CNN/ORC	29	47	19
Aug. 2-3, 2006	CNN/ORC	31	45	21
Aug. 18-20, 2006	CNN/ORC	36	41	22
Oct. 27-29, 2006	CNN/ORC	34	43	20
Jan. 19-21, 2007	CNN/ORC	28	54	17
Sep. 7-9, 2007	CNN/ORC	31	49	19

- What is your impression of how the campaign against terrorism is going for the United States right now – very well, somewhat well, somewhat badly, or very badly?

		Very well	Somewhat well	Somewhat badly	Very badly
Mar. 2004	CBS News	11	53	23	11
Aug. 11-13, 2006	CBS News	11	51	23	14
Aug. 17-21, 2006	CBS News/NYT	8	52	26	12

- Which of the following phrases comes closer to describing your view? I favor the U.S. led-efforts to fight terrorism, or I oppose the U.S.-led efforts to fight terrorism?

		Favor	Oppose
Summer 2002	PSRA/Pew Research Center	89	8
Mar. 2004	PSRA/Pew Research Center	81	13
May 2005	PSRA/Pew Research Center	76	18
May 2-4, 2006	PSRA/Pew Research Center	73	19

- Do you think of the war with Iraq as part of the war against terrorism, or as separate from the war against terrorism?

		Part	Separate
Apr. 16, 2003	ABC News/Wash Post	77	22
Sep. 4-7, 2003	ABC News	65	31
Sep. 10-13, 2003	ABC News	66	32
Oct. 26-29, 2003*	ABC News/Wash Post	61	37
Sept. 6-8, 2004	ABC News/Wash Post	58	39
Sept. 11-13, 2004	ABC News/Wash Post	66	32
Oct. 1-3, 2004	ABC News/Wash Post	60	38

NOTE: *Question wording was, “U.S. military presence in Iraq is part of the war...?”

- Please tell me whether you agree or disagree with the following statement: the war in Iraq is part of the larger war against terrorism?

		Yes	No
Jul. 2005	NBC/WSJ	61	34
Sep. 2007	NBC/WSJ	56	40

- How would you rate the way things are going for the United States in the war on terrorism? Would you say they are going – very well, somewhat well, somewhat poorly, or very poorly?

		Very Well	Somewhat Well	Somewhat Poorly	Very Poorly
Dec. 5-7, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	12	53	22	12
Aug. 23-25, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	10	46	22	22
Aug. 5-7, 2005	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	10	41	26	22
Sep. 15-17, 2006	Gallup/USA Today	10	47	19	23
Jan. 5-7, 2007	Gallup/USA Today	13	47	22	17

- Over the last couple of years, do you think the Bush administration has focused too much on the war in Iraq, and not enough on terrorists elsewhere in the world, or focused too much on terrorists elsewhere in the world and not enough on the war in Iraq, or has the balance been about right?

		Too Much On Iraq	Too Much On Terrorists	Balance About Right
Jul. 13-14, 2005	CBS News	43	6	44
Aug. 17-21, 2006	CBS News/NYT	46	5	42
Sep. 4-8, 2007	CBS News/NYT	51	2	36

- Compared to before September 11th 2001, would you say the al Qaeda terrorist network is stronger now, weaker, or about the same?

Jul. 18-21, 2007	ABC News/Wash Post	Stronger 27	Weaker 26	Same 44
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- From what you know about the situation, do you think the United States is losing the fight against al-Qaeda or radical Islamic terrorism, or not?

Jun. 18-19, 2007	PSRA/Newsweek	Yes, losing 52	No 37
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- Do you consider the war in Afghanistan to be part of the war on terrorism which began on September 11, 2001, or do you consider it to be an entirely separate military action?

Jun. 11-14, 2007	Gallup	Part of War On Terrorism 65	Separate Military Action 32
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- So far, who do you think is winning in the struggle between the U.S. and Islamic terrorist organizations: The United States or Islamic terrorist organizations, or is it too soon to tell?

Jul. 28-Aug. 1, 2006	LA Times/Bloomberg	U.S. 23	Terrorists 12	Too soon 57
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- As you may know, there have been no major attacks inside the United States since September 11. Why do you think that is? Is it because the efforts of the U.S. government and intelligence agencies have made it more difficult for terrorists to operate, or because the war in Iraq has consumed the terrorists' attention, or because the terrorists have chose to attack other countries instead, or because the terrorists are patient and are waiting for the right time to attack the U.S.?

Jul. 28-Aug. 1, 2006	LA Times/Bloomberg	Efforts of US Govt 24	Iraq War 8	Other Countries 5	Terrorists Waiting 49	All the Above 10
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- Would you say you personally are very concerned about a terrorist attack in the area where you live, or not?

Aug. 11-13, 2006	CBS News	Yes 26	No 73
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- Do you think the terrorist group Al Qaeda is stronger or weaker today than it was a year ago?

Jan. 24-25, 2006	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	Stronger 32	Weaker 46	Same 13
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- Do you think the terrorist group Al Qaeda is stronger or weaker today than it was immediately after the 2001 attacks?

Jan. 24-25, 2006	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	Stronger 30	Weaker 52	Same 9
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- Which is closest to your own view...the War on Terror can be won in the long term if we defeat Al Qaeda and breakup other terror networks or while we can greatly reduce the threat of terror, we can never eliminate the threat completely, therefore, the War on Terror will never be "won" or "lost."

Jan. 2005	Marttila/Security and Peace Inst.	War on Terror can be won 27	War on Terror will never be won or lost 70
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- Do you think the war on terrorism will be won and over in your lifetime or not?

		Yes	No
Aug. 30-31, 2005	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	24	62

- In your opinion, can the U.S. win the war on terror in the next 5-10 years?

		Yes	No
Jan. 2005	Marttila/Security and Peace Inst.	50	43

- Please tell me whether you agree or disagree with each of the following statements...the war in Iraq is part of the larger war against terrorism.

		War in Iraq is Part of War on Terrorism	
		Agree	Disagree
Jul. 8-11, 2005	NBC/WSJ	61	34

- Over the last couple of years, do you think the Bush administration has focused too much on the war in Iraq, and not enough on Afghanistan, or focused too much on Afghanistan and not enough on the war in Iraq, or has the balance been about right?

		Too much on Iraq	Too much on Afghanistan	Balance about right
Mar. 2007	CBS News	44	3	41
Sep. 4-8, 2007	CBS News/NYT	51	2	36

- Which of the following statements is closest to your own view? Saddam Hussein was a threat to the U.S. His removal made us more safe and was a necessary step for winning the war on terror or the removal of Saddam Hussein was a diversion from the War on Terror that has made us less safe. There are more terrorists in Iraq today than before the U.S. invasion.

		Saddam Hussein was a threat	The removal of Saddam was a diversion
Jan. 2005	Marttila/Security and Peace Inst.	51	42

- Who do you think is winning the war on terrorism - the U.S., the terrorists, or neither side?

		U.S.	Neither Side	The Terrorists
Jul. 16-17, 2003	Harris Interactive	41	44	12

- How satisfied are you with the way things are going for the U.S. in the war on terrorism – very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, not too satisfied, or not at all satisfied?

		Very Satisfied	Somewhat Satisfied	Not Too Satisfied	Not at all Satisfied
Sep. 2-4, 2002	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	14	61	18	6
Jan 31-Feb 2 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	18	45	21	15
Sep. 8-10, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	14	52	21	12
Jul. 19-21, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	15	40	21	23
Aug. 9-11, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	14	42	24	19
Sep. 3-5, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	16	43	22	18
Oct. 9-10, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	16	37	21	26
Feb. 4-6, 2005	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	19	45	21	14
Jun. 16-19, 2005	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	10	42	23	24
Aug. 28-30, 2005	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	13	38	20	29
Aug. 30- Sep. 2, 2006	CNN/ORC	9	38	24	29
Oct. 20-22, 2006	CNN/ORC	9	31	20	40
Aug. 6-8, 2007	CNN/ORC	8	31	28	33
Nov. 2-4, 2007	CNN/ORC	7	37	28	28

- Do you think the United States is doing all it reasonably can do to try to prevent further terrorist attacks, or do you think it should do more?

		Doing All It Can	Should Do More
Oct. 8-9, 2001	ABC News/Wash Post	71	27
Oct. 15, 2001	ABC News/Wash Post	68	29
Nov. 5-6, 2001	ABC News/Wash Post	56	43
Nov. 27, 2001	ABC News/Wash Post	62	36
Dec. 18-19, 2001	ABC News/Wash Post	59	40
Mar. 7-10, 2002	ABC News/Wash Post	66	33
May 18-19, 2002	ABC News	54	42
Jun. 12-16, 2002	ABC News	56	40
Dec. 12-15, 2002	ABC News/Wash Post	55	43
Sep. 4-7, 2003	ABC News	56	42
Apr. 15-18, 2004	ABC News/Wash Post	56	42
Sep. 5-7, 2006	ABC News/Wash Post	38	60

- Do you think of the war with Iraq as part of the war against terrorism, or as separate from the war against terrorism?

		Part	Separate
Apr. 16, 2003	ABC News/Wash Post	77	22
Sep. 4-7, 2003	ABC News	65	31
Sep. 10-13, 2003	ABC News	66	32
Oct. 26-29, 2003	ABC News/Wash Post	61	37
Sep. 6-8, 2004	ABC News/Wash Post	58	39
Sep. 11-13, 2004	ABC News/Wash Post	66	32
Oct. 1-3, 2004	ABC News/Wash Post	60	38
Jun. 26, 2005	ABC News/Wash Post	56	43
Jun. 22-25, 2006	ABC News/Wash Post	56	43
Sep. 5-7, 2006	ABC News/Wash Post	57	41
Oct. 5-8, 2006	ABC News/Wash Post	51	48

- Do you think of the war in Iraq as part of the war on terrorism, or do you think of it as separate from the war on terrorism? If so, is that a major part of the war on terrorism or a minor part of the war on terrorism?

		Major part	Minor part	No part
Dec. 2005	CBS News	41	12	43
Mar. 2006	CBS News	35	11	49
Jun. 2006	CBS News	41	13	41
Aug. 11-13, 2006	CBS News	35	15	46
Aug. 17-21, 2006	CBS News/NYT	32	12	51
Sep. 15-19, 2006	CBS News/NYT	36	13	46
Jul. 20-22, 2007	CBS News/NYT	32	14	46

- Do you consider the war in Iraq to be part of the war on terrorism which began on September 11, 2001, or do you consider it to be an entirely separate military action?

		Part of War On Terrorism	Separate Military Action
Aug. 25-26, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	57	41
Mar. 26-28, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	50	48
Jul. 19-21, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	51	47
Oct. 1-3, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	50	47
Jun. 24-26, 2005	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	47	50
Dec. 16-18, 2005	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	43	55
Mar. 10-12, 2006	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	44	53
Aug. 30-Sep. 2, 2006	CNN/ORC	45	53
Sep. 15-17, 2006	Gallup/USA Today	48	49

WILL THERE BE ANOTHER TERRORIST ATTACK?: Many people believe that the United States will face another terrorist attack in the future. They are less worried about becoming a victim of terrorism themselves. In June 2008, 8 percent told CNN/Opinion Research Corporation pollsters that it is very likely that there would be further acts of terrorism in the next several weeks. Twenty-seven percent said it is somewhat likely while 45 percent said it is not too likely and 20 percent said it is not at all likely there will be further acts of terrorism over the next several weeks.

- How worried are you that there will soon be another terrorist attack in the United States - very worried, somewhat worried, not too worried, or not at all worried?

		Very Worried	Somewhat Worried	Not Too Worried	Not At All Worried
Oct. 1-3, 2001	PSRA/Pew Research Center	28	45	15	11
Oct. 10-14, 2001	PSRA/Pew Research Center	27	40	19	12
Oct. 15-21, 2001	PSRA/Pew Research Center	29	42	18	10
Dec. 10-16, 2001	PSRA/Pew Research Center	13	39	27	19
Jan. 9-13, 2002	PSRA/Pew Research Center	20	42	28	9
Jun. 19-23, 2002	PSRA/Pew Research Center	32	44	17	7
Aug. 14-25, 2002	PSRA/Pew Research Center	16	46	25	12
Oct. 2-6, 2002	PSRA/Pew Research Center	20	46	22	11
Dec. 4-8, 2002	PSRA/Pew Research Center	31	42	18	8
Jan. 8-12, 2003	PSRA/Pew Research Center	18	50	23	8
Feb. 12-18, 2003	PSRA/Pew Research Center	34	41	17	7
Mar. 13-16, 2003	PSRA/Pew Research Center	22	42	20	14
Jul. 14- Aug. 5, 2003	PSRA/Pew Research Center	13	45	29	12
Dec. 19- Jan. 4, 2004	PSRA/Pew Research Center	20	45	24	10
Feb. 11-16, 2004	PSRA/Pew Research Center	13	42	28	16
Mar. 17-21, 2004	PSRA/Pew Research Center	20	42	25	12
Jun. 3-13, 2004	PSRA/Pew Research Center	25	42	20	12
July 8-18, 2004	PSRA/Pew Research Center	17	41	26	15
Aug. 5-10, 2004	PSRA/Pew Research Center	20	44	25	10
Oct. 15-19, 2004	PSRA/Pew Research Center	17	43	27	12
July 13-17, 2005	PSRA/Pew Research Center	25	44	19	11
Aug. 9-13, 2006	PSRA/Pew Research Center	23	44	21	10

- How concerned are you about the possibility there will be more major terrorist attacks in the United States - is that something that worries you a great deal, somewhat, not too much, or not at all?

		Great Deal	Somewhat	Not Too Much	Not At All
Sep. 11, 2001	ABC News/Wash Post	49	38	7	4
Sep. 25-27, 2001	Wash Post	43	39	12	5
Oct. 7, 2001	ABC News/Wash Post	41	40	13	4
Oct. 8-9, 2001	ABC News	36	46	12	6
Oct. 15, 2001	ABC News/Wash Post	35	43	14	9
Dec. 18-19, 2001	ABC News	27	43	22	8
Mar. 7-10, 2002	ABC News/Wash Post	23	47	21	9
Apr. 18-21, 2002	ABC News/Wash Post	30	43	18	9
Jul. 11-15, 2002	ABC News/Wash Post	29	44	20	7
Sep. 5-8, 2002	ABC News/Wash Post	22	52	19	7
Feb. 12-16, 2003	ABC News/Wash Post	27	45	18	9

Mar. 20, 2003	ABC News/Wash Post	29	47	16	8
Sep. 4-7, 2003	ABC News	25	46	20	9
Sept. 6-8, 2004	ABC News/Wash Post	25	47	20	7
Jul. 21, 2005	ABC News	30	43	17	10
Sep. 5-7, 2006	ABC News/Wash Post	29	45	25	17
Sep. 4-7, 2007	ABC News/Wash Post	25	41	34	23

● How likely do you think it is that there will be another terrorist attack in the United States within the next few months - very likely, somewhat likely, not very likely, or not at all likely?

		Very Likely	Somewhat Likely	Not Very Likely	Not At All Likely
Sep. 20-23, 2001	CBS News/NYT	36	42	16	4
Oct. 8, 2001	CBS News	46	39	8	3
Oct. 8-9, 2001	CBS News	48	36	10	3
Oct. 25-28, 2001	CBS News/NYT	53	35	8	2
Dec. 7-10, 2001	CBS News/NYT	23	50	19	5
Jan. 5-6, 2002	CBS News	18	47	27	6
Jan. 21-24, 2002	CBS News/NYT	23	48	21	4
Jan. 29, 2002	CBS News	19	46	23	7
Feb. 24-26, 2002	CBS News	18	44	29	5
Apr. 1-2, 2002	CBS News	28	46	17	5
May 13-14, 2002	CBS News	25	47	21	4
May 19-20, 2002	CBS News	33	41	17	6
Jun. 18-20, 2002	CBS News	36	45	13	3
Jul. 8-9, 2002	CBS News	30	43	22	4
Jul. 13-16, 2002	CBS News	28	47	20	4
Sep. 2-5, 2002	CBS News	23	46	23	5
Sep. 22-23, 2002	CBS News	21	46	26	5
Oct. 27-31, 2002	CBS News/NYT	27	47	15	7
Nov. 20-24, 2002	CBS News/NYT	27	50	15	6
Jan. 19-22, 2003	CBS News/NYT	14	48	28	7
Feb. 10-11, 2003	CBS News/NYT	35	47	13	3
Feb. 24-25, 2003	CBS News	23	51	18	6
Mar. 4-5, 2003	CBS News	27	48	17	4
May 27-28, 2003	CBS News	24	47	22	5
Aug. 26-28, 2003	CBS News	15	49	25	8
Apr. 8, 2004	CBS News	12	43	35	6
July 11-15, 2004	CBS News/NYT	24	47	20	7
July 30-Aug. 1, 2004	CBS News	19	48	23	5
Aug. 15-18, 2004	CBS News	17	50	20	5
Sept. 12-16, 2004	CBS News/NYT	18	48	23	8
Jul. 13-14, 2005	CBS News	19	46	25	7
Jul. 29-Aug. 2, 2005	CBS News	17	44	28	8
Aug. 29-31, 2005	CBS News	9	43	35	7
Jan. 20-25, 2006	CBS News/NYT	10	43	33	11
Aug. 11-13, 2006	CBS News	17	47	27	6
Aug. 17-21, 2006	CBS News/NYT	16	43	30	9
Jul. 12-15, 2007	CBS News/NYT	17	40	30	10
Jul. 20-22, 2007	CBS News/NYT	16	41	29	9
Sep. 4-9, 2007	CBS News/NYT	9	39	37	11

● How likely do you think it is that an act of terrorism will occur somewhere in the United States in the next twelve months - very likely, somewhat likely, not very likely, or not at all likely?

		Very Likely	Somewhat Likely	Not Very Likely	Not At All Likely
Apr. 27, 1995	Harris Interactive	48	38	8	3
Sep. 27, 2001	Harris Interactive	40	41	14	3

Nov. 7-8, 2001	Harris Interactive	52	35	7	3
Dec. 19-20, 2001	Harris Interactive	38	43	13	3
Jan. 23-24, 2002	Harris Interactive	33	48	14	4
May 22-23, 2002	Harris Interactive	57	33	6	3
Aug. 28-29, 2002	Harris Interactive	29	50	14	5
Oct. 23-24, 2002	Harris Interactive	39	44	11	3
Sep. 3-4, 2003	Harris Interactive	23	49	18	8

NOTE: Several other polling organizations asked questions about the likelihood of a terrorist attack shortly after the 1995 Oklahoma City bombing and shortly before the arrival of the millennium.

- How likely is it that there will be further acts of terrorism in the United States over the next several weeks – very likely, somewhat likely, not too likely, or not at all likely?

		Very Likely	Somewhat Likely	Not Too Likely	Not At All Likely
Sep. 21-22, 2001*	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	22	44	24	8
Oct. 7, 2001*	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	41	42	9	4
Oct. 19-21, 2001	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	40	45	10	3
Nov. 2-4, 2001	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	24	50	16	6
Dec. 14-16, 2001	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	17	45	27	8
Mar. 8-9, 2002	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	9	43	32	13
May 20-22, 2002	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	21	44	25	7
Jul. 5-8, 2002	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	15	41	30	12
Sep. 2-4, 2002	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	12	48	28	9
Sep. 13-16, 2002	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	12	44	31	10
Feb. 7-9, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	16	50	23	9
Mar. 22-23, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	21	52	20	6
May 19-21, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	12	45	32	8
Jul. 18-20, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	7	33	41	16
Aug. 25-26, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	10	44	35	10
Jan. 9-11, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	7	39	36	16
July 19-21, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	12	39	34	11
Dec. 17-19, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	10	38	39	12
Jan. 7-9, 2005	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	8	31	44	15
Jun. 16-19, 2005	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	4	31	45	18
Jul. 7-10, 2005	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	12	43	35	9
Jul. 22-24, 2005	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	12	45	32	10
Jan. 20-22, 2006	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	14	35	38	11
Jul. 21-23, 2006	Gallup/USA Today	10	36	42	10
Aug. 18-20, 2006	CNN/ORC	16	38	31	13
Jun. 11-14, 2007	Gallup	9	31	41	16
Aug. 6-8, 2007	CNN/ORC	9	32	42	17
Jun. 26-29, 2008	CNN/ORC	8	27	45	20

NOTE: *Question wording was, “How likely is it that there will be further terrorist attacks in the United States over the next several weeks – very likely, somewhat likely, not too likely, or not at all likely?”

- How likely do you think it is that another terrorist attack causing large numbers of American lives to be lost will happen in the near future?

		Very likely	Somewhat likely	Not very likely	Not at all likely
Jan. 29-30, 2003	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	31	46	13	4
Feb. 25-26, 2003	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	38	43	11	3
Mar. 25-26, 2003	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	29	46	17	4
Apr. 22-23, 2003	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	23	43	24	5
Jul. 12-13, 2005	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	33	42	12	5
Jan. 24-25, 2006	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	38	42	14	3
Jul. 17-18, 2007	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	43	38	11	3

- How worried are you that you or someone in your family will become a victim of terrorism – very worried, somewhat worried, not too worried, or not worried at all?

		Very Worried	Somewhat Worried	Not too Worried	Not at all Worried
Sep. 11, 2001*	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	23	35	24	16
Sep. 14-15, 2001*	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	18	33	35	13
Sep. 21-22, 2001*	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	14	35	32	18
Oct. 5-6, 2001*	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	24	35	27	14
Oct. 11-14, 2001*	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	18	33	35	14
Oct. 19-21, 2001*	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	13	30	33	23
Nov. 2-4, 2001	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	11	28	34	26
Nov. 26-27, 2001	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	8	27	34	30
Feb. 4-6, 2002	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	8	27	39	25
Mar. 4-7, 2002	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	12	33	32	23
Apr. 22-24, 2002	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	8	27	39	25
May 28-29, 2002	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	9	31	37	22
Sep. 2-4, 2002	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	8	30	37	25
Jan. 23-25, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	8	31	36	25
Feb. 7-9, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	13	35	34	18
Feb. 17-19, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	8	28	33	31
Mar. 22-23, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	8	30	38	24
Apr. 22-23, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	8	26	39	26
Jul. 18-20, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	6	24	38	32
Aug. 25-26, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	11	30	33	26
Dec. 5-7, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	9	28	38	25
Jan. 2-5, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	5	23	42	30
Feb. 9-12, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	10	30	36	24
Aug. 9-11, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	8	26	36	30
Sept. 3-5, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	11	32	36	21
Oct. 14-16, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	13	34	33	20
Dec. 17-19, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	13	28	34	25
Jan. 7-9, 2005	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	10	28	37	24
Jun. 16-19, 2005	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	8	30	36	26
Jul. 22-24, 2005	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	14	33	30	23
Dec. 16-18, 2005	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	11	30	37	22
Jan. 20-22, 2006	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	14	29	34	23
Aug. 18-20, 2006	CNN/ORC	8	28	36	29
Nov. 3-5, 2006	CNN/ORC	9	31	33	27
Mar. 9-11, 2007	CNN/ORC	13	31	31	23
Jun. 11-14, 2007	Gallup	12	32	33	22
Aug. 6-8, 2007	CNN/ORC	12	30	33	24

NOTE: *Question wording was, “How worried are you that you or someone in your family will become a victim of a terrorist attack – very worried, somewhat worried, not too worried, or not worried at all?”

- All in all, how worried are you that you or someone in your family will become a victim of a terrorist attack – very worried, somewhat worried, not too worried, or not worried at all?

		Very worried	Somewhat worried	Not too worried	Not worried at all
Aug. 1998	PSRA/Newsweek	10	22	38	29
Sept. 21-25, 2001	PSRA/Newsweek	17	36	31	15
Oct. 10-14, 2001	PSRA/Newsweek	18	32	29	19
Oct. 31- Nov. 7, 2001	PSRA/Newsweek	13	27	29	19
Jan. 9-12, 2002	PSRA/Newsweek	12	26	38	24
Jun. 19-23, 2002	PSRA/Newsweek	17	28	36	19
Oct. 10-11, 2002	PSRA/Newsweek	16	27	35	21

Nov. 7-8, 2002	PSRA/Newsweek	13	23	34	30
Jan. 8-12, 2003	PSRA/Newsweek	11	30	37	21
Mar. 28- Apr. 1, 2003	PSRA/Newsweek	14	34	31	20
Aug. 21-22, 2003	PSRA/Newsweek	18	26	26	28
Jan. 8-9, 2004	PSRA/Newsweek	9	26	33	31
Sept. 9-10, 2004	PSRA/Newsweek	11	27	31	30
Oct. 27-29, 2004	PSRA/Newsweek	13	28	32	26
Aug. 2-4, 2005	PSRA/Newsweek	14	26	32	27
Aug. 9-13, 2006	PSRA/Pew Research Center	16	28	35	20

● How worried are you that the United States will experience another major terrorist attack—very worried, fairly worried, only slightly worried, or not really worried at all?

		Very worried	Fairly worried	Only slightly worried	Not really worried at all
Jan. 2002	NBC/WSJ	30	29	26	14
Jul. 2005	NBC/WSJ	31	27	29	12
Jan. 2006	NBC/WSJ	25	23	35	17
Jul. 2007	NBC/WSJ	30	22	32	16
Sep. 2007	NBC/WSJ	27	25	34	13

● How concerned are you about the chance that you personally might be the victim of a terrorist attack – does that worry you a great deal, somewhat, not too much or not at all?

		Great Deal	Somewhat	Not Much	None
Nov. 5-6, 2001	ABC News/Washington Post	10	25	33	31
Sep. 5-8, 2002	ABC News	7	25	35	33
Feb. 12-16, 2003	ABC News/Washington Post	10	23	37	28
Sep. 4-7, 2003	ABC News	10	24	34	31
Sept. 6-8, 2004	ABC News/Washington Post	8	24	36	32
Jul. 21, 2005	ABC News	9	22	39	29
Sep. 5-7, 2006	ABC News/Wash Post	10	25	35	29

● Which comes closer to your view – the terrorists will always find a way to launch major attacks no matter what the U.S. government does, or the U.S. government can eventually prevent all major attacks if it works hard enough at it?

		Terrorists will find a way	U.S. government can prevent all major attacks
Sep. 2-4, 2002	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	60	37
Aug. 30-Sep. 2, 2006	CNN/ORC	57	41
Sep. 7-9, 2007	CNN/ORC	57	40

● Next, we're interested in how, if at all, people's feelings of safety have changed since the terrorist attacks on the United States two years ago...Do you personally feel a lot less safe where you live and work, somewhat less safe, only a little less safe, or not at all less safe than you did before September 11th, 2001?

		A Lot Less Safe	Somewhat Less Safe	A Little Less Safe	Not At All Less Safe
Sep. 13-14, 2001	PSRA/Newsweek	12	24	27	36
Sep. 27-28, 2001	PSRA/Newsweek	11	20	29	39
Oct. 11-12, 2001	PSRA/Newsweek	15	22	30	32
Oct. 18-19, 2001	PSRA/Newsweek	9	15	27	46
Oct. 25-26, 2001	PSRA/Newsweek	10	14	32	43
Nov. 1-2, 2001	PSRA/Newsweek	11	15	29	43
Nov. 8-9, 2001	PSRA/Newsweek	9	13	29	47
Nov. 15-16, 2001	PSRA/Newsweek	13	20	26	39
Jun. 27-28, 2002	PSRA/Newsweek	6	18	27	47

Sep. 11-12, 2003	PSRA/Newsweek	8	14	23	52
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● How likely is it that there will be more terrorist attacks in the U.S. within the next twelve months: very likely, somewhat likely, or very unlikely?

		Very Likely	Fairly Likely	Fairly Unlikely	Very Unlikely
Jul. 28-Aug. 1, 2006	LA Times/Bloomberg	26	52	19	14

● All in all, how likely do you think it is that there will be another major terrorist attack in the United States over the next four years?

		Very Likely	Fairly Likely	Fairly Unlikely	Very Unlikely
Oct. 12-24, 2005	PSRA/Pew Research Center	40	39	12	6

● Now on another subject...in your opinion, how likely is it that Islamic extremists will carry out major terrorist attacks against U.S. cities, buildings, or national landmarks in the near future? Would you say it is ...?

		Very Likely	Somewhat Likely	Not too Likely	Not At All Likely
Aug. 2-4, 2005	PSRA/Newsweek	45	37	10	3

● How much confidence do you have in the ability of the U.S. government to protect its citizens from future terrorist attacks – a great deal, a fair amount, not very much, or none at all?

		Great Deal	Fair Amount	Not Very Much	None
Sep. 20-23, 2001	CBS News/NYT	35	53	10	1
Oct. 8-9, 2001	CBS News	26	58	13	1
Oct. 25-28, 2001	CBS News	18	58	20	4
Nov. 13-14, 2001	CBS News	22	52	20	4
Dec. 7-10, 2001	CBS News/NYT	17	60	18	4
Jan. 5-6, 2002	CBS News	23	58	16	2
Jun. 18-20, 2002	CBS News	16	54	24	5
Jul. 8-9, 2002	CBS News	21	53	22	3
Jul. 13-16, 2002	CBS News/NYT	21	53	21	4
Sep. 2-5, 2002	CBS News/NYT	20	56	18	4
Mar. 30-Apr. 1, 2004	CBS News	19	56	19	5
Jul. 29-Aug. 2, 2005	CBS News	20	49	24	6
Aug. 29-31, 2005	CBS News	18	54	21	5
Sept. 6-7, 2005	CBS News	19	40	30	10
Oct. 3-5, 2005	CBS News	16	47	30	7
Jan. 5-8, 2006	CBS News	21	48	23	6
Mar. 10-12, 2006	CBS News	17	43	28	10
Aug. 11-13, 2006	CBS News	17	51	25	6
Aug. 17-21, 2006	CBS News	18	52	24	5
Jul. 20-22, 2007	CBS News/NYT	17	49	24	8

● Now I am going to read you a list of institutions in American society. Please tell me how much confidence you, yourself, have in each one - a great deal, quite a lot, some, or very little...the military?

		Great Deal/ Quite A Lot	Some	Very Little/ None (Vol.)
1975	Gallup	58	25	12
1977	Gallup	57	25	13
1978	Gallup	48	30	17
1979	Gallup	54	29	14
1980	Gallup	52	28	16
1981	Gallup	46	34	16

1983	Gallup	53	29	13
1985	Gallup	61	28	9
1986	Gallup	63	24	11
1987	Gallup	61	28	10
1988	Gallup	58	30	10
1989	Gallup	63	37	--
1990	Gallup	68	22	8
1991	Gallup	69	20	9
1993	Gallup	67	23	9
1994	Gallup	64	26	8
1995	Gallup	64	27	8
1996	Gallup	66	25	7
1997	Gallup	60	27	12
1998	Gallup	64	25	10
1999	Gallup	68	26	6
2000	Gallup	64	26	8
2000	Gallup	72	20	7
2001	Gallup	66	24	8
2002	Gallup	79	16	5
2003	Gallup	82	14	4
2004	Gallup	75	19	5
2005	Gallup	74	18	8
2006	Gallup	73	19	6
2007	Gallup	69	21	9

- In general, do you think the United States is adequately prepared to deal with another terrorist attack, or not?

		Prepared	Not prepared
Mar. 20-24, 2003	CBS News/NYT	64	29
Aug. 17-21, 2006	CBS News/NYT	49	44
Sep. 4-9, 2007	CBS News/NYT	39	56

- What about your state and local governments? Do you think your state and local governments are adequately prepared to deal with another terrorist attack, or not?

		Prepared	Not prepared
Mar. 20-24, 2003	CBS News/NYT	49	42
Aug. 17-21, 2006	CBS News/NYT	39	52

- How well prepared do you think your local authorities are to handle a terrorist attack in your area?

		Very prepared	Somewhat prepared	Not very prepared	Not prepared
Jul. 9-10, 2002	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	16	41	20	15
Sep. 8-9, 2002	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	17	41	18	13
Aug. 29-30, 2006	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	9	38	26	22

- How likely is it that the U.S. will be able to capture or kill Osama bin Laden—very likely, somewhat likely, not too likely, or not at all likely?

		Very Likely	Somewhat Likely	Not too Likely	Not at all Likely
Nov. 26-27, 2001	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	34	44	15	6
Dec. 14-16, 2001	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	43	33	16	6
Mar. 8-9, 2002	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	16	39	29	13
Sep. 2-4, 2002	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	21	38	26	10
Sep. 3-5, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	21	45	20	11
Aug. 5-7, 2005	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	17	38	28	14
Jun. 9-11, 2006	Gallup/USA Today	25	39	22	12

Aug. 18-20, 2006	Gallup/USA Today	13	45	27	13
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- How important do you think it is to the U.S. that Osama bin Laden be captured or killed – extremely important, very important, somewhat important, not too important, not at all important?

		Extremely	Very	Somewhat	Not too	Not at all
Sep. 2-5, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	37	31	22	6	3
Aug. 5-7, 2005	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	37	26	24	7	5
Jun. 9-11, 2006	Gallup/USA Today	36	28	22	8	5

- Just your best guess, do you think Osama bin Laden himself is currently planning a significant terrorist attack against the United States, or not?

		Yes	No
Aug. 5-7, 2005	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	76	20
Jan. 20-22, 2006	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	70	24
Aug. 17-21, 2006	CNN/ORC	74	21

- Do you think Osama bin Laden will or will not succeed in launching this attack?

		Will	Will Not
Aug. 5-7, 2005	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	53	42
Jan. 20-22, 2006	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	42	50
Aug. 17-21, 2006	CNN/ORC	30	44

NOTE: Asked only of those who said bin Laden is currently planning a significant terrorist attack.

- How successful has the U.S. been in dismantling Osama Bin Laden's terrorist network. Would you say the U.S. has been very successful, somewhat successful, somewhat unsuccessful, or not at all successful?

		Very Successful	Somewhat Successful	Somewhat Unsuccessful	Not At All Successful
Jan. 2005	Marttila/Security and Peace Inst.	10	55	19	14

- How successful has the Bush administration been in dismantling Osama Bin Laden's terrorist network. Would you say the Bush administration has been very successful, somewhat successful, somewhat unsuccessful, or not at all successful.

		Very Successful	Somewhat Successful	Somewhat Unsuccessful	Not At All Successful
Jan. 2005	Marttila/Security and Peace Inst.	14	45	19	21

- Do you think the al-Qaeda terrorist network poses more of a threat or less of a threat to the United States today than it did before the 9/11 attacks, or is the threat today about the same as it was before 9/11?

		More	The Same	Less
Nov. 19-20, 2002*	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	27	49	21
May 20-21, 2003	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	37	37	22

NOTE: *Question wording was, "Do you think the al-Qaeda terrorist network poses more of a threat or less of a threat to the United States today than it did over a year ago, or is the threat today about the same as it was over a year ago?"

- Do you think there are members of the Al Qaeda terrorist group in the United States today?

		Yes	No
Jul. 29-30, 2003	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	92	4
Aug. 21-22, 2007	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	90	4

- How likely do you think it is that there are terrorists living in your city or hometown?

		Likely	Not likely
Jun. 18-19, 2002	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	58	37
Sep. 9-10, 2003	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	47	49
Aug. 21-22, 2007	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	48	47

- Do you think there are terrorists living inside the U.S. today who are planning to launch future attacks, or aren't there?

		Yes	No
Jul. 13-17, 2005	CBS News	94	3

- How often do you worry about the following things – frequently, occasionally, rarely, or never?

Mar. 21-23, 2005	AP/Ipsos	Frequently	Occasionally	Rarely	Never
Getting hurt in a car accident		20	34	30	16
Not being able to pay your bills		30	21	24	25
A terrorist attack using nuclear weapons		13	31	32	23
Becoming a victim of terrorism		12	28	35	25
A nuclear attack by one country on another		11	28	34	27

- Occasionally, major events like terrorist attacks can change the way people view themselves, other people or the world in general. How true are the following statements about you?

Apr. 5-7, 2004	AP/Ipsos-Reid	Entirely True	Mostly True	A Little True	Not At All True
You have less faith in government's ability to protect you than you did before		13	21	26	39

TERROR WARNINGS: A CBS News question asked several times since November 2001 shows steady support for a system of warnings about terrorist attacks, even if the administration does not have specific information. The August 2004 poll shows that 68 percent thought it was a good idea for the government in Washington to issue such warnings.

A June 2003 Fox News/Opinion Dynamics question found that 51 percent thought the color-coded terror alert system was helpful; 38 percent said it was not. A question asked by Zogby International in May 2002 shows that a bare majority (51 percent) believe the warnings are an example of what will become a “continuous and necessary” message from the government as a result of terrorism. In this question, 31 percent said the warning system was a purely political response to deflect criticism over what the administration knew prior to 9/11.

- Do you think it is a good idea or a bad idea for the government in Washington to issue warnings to the public about possible terrorist attacks, even if they don't have specific information?

		Good Idea	Bad Idea
Nov. 13-14, 2001	CBS News	66	28
May 19-20, 2002	CBS News	71	25
Jun. 18-20, 2002	CBS News	66	29

Aug. 15-18, 2004

CBS News

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- Which of these statements comes closest to your view: The government is putting out too many warnings that turn out to be false alarms or the government should be giving the public all the warnings it can, even if they turn out to be false alarms?

		Too Many Warnings False Alarms	Government Should Give All Warnings
August 5-10, 2004	PSRA/Pew Research Center	28	66

- Do you think the government's color-coded terror alert system is helpful or not?

		Helpful	Not Helpful
Nov. 19-20, 2002	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	39	41
Feb. 11-12, 2003	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	50	37
Jun. 3-4, 2003	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	51	38

- If the government believes a terrorist attack may occur somewhere in the United States, do you think it is better for the government to issue a nationwide alert to all Americans, or to issue an alert only to law enforcement officials?

		-----Issue alert-----	
		Nationwide	Law Enforcement
Feb. 2002	Quinnipiac	76	21

- In the past few days, Bush administration officials have warned about the potential of suicide bombers in the U.S., the potential of terrorists with nuclear weapons, and that a terrorist attack is likely to happen soon. Which of the following statements best reflects your position on the terrorism alerts? STATEMENT A: They unfairly alarm residents since no specific targets or locations or cautions are ever mentioned. STATEMENT B: They represent an example of what will become a continuous and necessary message from now on by the government as a result of terrorism. STATEMENT C: It is a purely political response to recent criticism over what the Bush administration knew prior to September 11. Because even with escalating talk about threats, officials have not raised the nation's level of alert. It remains at yellow, the midpoint of the five-level warning system established in March?

		Continuous/ Necessary	Unfairly Alarming	Purely Political
May 2002	Zogby International	51	12	31

- I'm going to read you two statements about the federal government's alerts about possible terrorist attacks. Please tell me which one comes closer to your point of view...the alerts do more good than harm because they alert people to take safety precautions or the alerts do more harm than good because they scare people and cause them to worry about something that is out of their control?

		More Good Than Harm	More Harm Than Good
Jun. 2002	NBC News/WSJ	60	32

- Do you think the Bush administration has been overstating the level of threat the country faces from terrorism, understating it, or accurately describing it?

		Overstating	Accurately Describing	Understating
Jun. 2002	ABC News	12	45	39
Sep. 2002	ABC News	15	50	33
Sep. 2006	ABC News/Wash Post	29	28	39

- In their warnings to Americans about possible terrorist attacks, do you think the government is exaggerating the dangers, are they not taking the dangers seriously enough, or are the warnings about right?

		Exaggeration Dangers	Not Taking Dangers Seriously	Warnings are About Right
Jun. 2002	CBS News	9	16	66

- Do you think the terror alerts are getting to be like “the boy who cried wolf,” or do you think the alerts are still useful even if there are false alarms?

		Like Crying Wolf	Still Useful
Jun. 26-27, 2002	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	16	72

- Last week the federal government changed the level of alert in the “Homeland Security Advisory System.” Do you happen to know what color or alert level the country is now under?

		Correct	Incorrect/ Not Sure
Jul. 9-10, 2002	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	22	78
Feb. 11-12, 2003	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	84	16

HAS THE BUSH ADMINISTRATION MADE US SAFER?: In September 2003, 60 percent told CBS News/New York Times interviewers that the Bush administration had made the United States safer from terrorism, and 18 percent said Bush’s policies have made us less safe. In its last asking in September 2007, CBS and New York Times pollsters found that 49 percent of Americans said Bush’s policies had made us safer, 26 percent said less safe, and 20 percent said the Bush administration’s policies had made no difference. In February 2008, Pew Research Center found that 16 percent of Americans believe that the ability of terrorists to launch another attack on the U.S. is greater than it was at the time of 9/11, 41 percent thought it was the same, and 39 percent said terrorists were less able to attack us.

- How much credit do you think should go to the Bush administration for the fact that there has not been another terrorist attack in the United States since 9/11?

		A lot	Some	Hardly any	None
Aug. 21-22, 2007	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	28	34	14	20

- Do you think the United States is safer or less safe today than before 9/11?

		Safer	Less safe	Same (vol.)
Mar. 3-4, 2004	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	58	23	15
Aug. 3-4, 2004	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	52	28	15
Jul. 12-13, 2005	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	48	34	14
Aug. 21-22, 2007	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	48	33	15

- Do you think that, as a country, we are safer from terrorist attacks, about as safe, or less safe from terrorist attacks than we were before September 11, 2001?

		Safer	About as safe	Less safe
Aug. 18-20, 2006	CNN/ORC	43	32	25
Aug. 6-8, 2007	CNN/ORC	38	29	32

- Would you say George W. Bush’s policies on terrorism and national security have made the country more secure over the past five years, or less secure, or have the president’s policies not made a difference one way or the other?

		More secure	Less secure	No difference
Jan. 22-25, 2006	LA Times/Bloomberg	52	21	25
Jul. 29-Aug. 1, 2006	LA Times/Bloomberg	51	19	27
Sep. 16-19, 2006	LA Times/Bloomberg	56	20	22

Dec. 8-11, 2006

LA Times/Bloomberg

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- For each one please tell me if you are very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, somewhat dissatisfied, or very dissatisfied. How about the nation's security from terrorism?

		Very satisfied	Somewhat satisfied	Somewhat dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied
Jan. 2002	Gallup	10	41	27	20
Jan. 2003	Gallup	11	43	26	17
Jan. 2004	Gallup	19	51	16	13
Jan. 2005	Gallup	14	44	22	17
Jan. 2006	Gallup	16	42	23	16
Jan. 2007	Gallup	13	40	26	18
Jan. 2008	Gallup	14	44	20	17

- Compared to before September 11, 2001 do you think the country today is safer from terrorism? If safer: would you say the country is much safer or somewhat safer?

		Much safer	Somewhat safer	Less Safe	No difference
Sept. 2003	ABC News/Wash Post	24	42	27	4
Jan. 2004	ABC News/Wash Post	28	39	24	8
Aug. 2004	ABC News/Wash Post	24	36	31	7
Sept. 2004	ABC News/Wash Post	26	38	28	5
Aug. 2005	ABC News/Wash Post	14	35	38	11
Jan. 2006	ABC News/Wash Post	24	41	30	6
Mar. 2006	ABC News/Wash Post	22	33	35	8
Jun. 2006	ABC News/Wash Post	24	35	33	7
Sep. 2006	ABC News/Wash Post	19	36	37	6
Sep. 2007	ABC News/Wash Post	24	36	29	11

- Do you think the policies of the Bush Administration have made the United States safer from terrorism, less safe from terrorism, or have policies of the Bush Administration not affected the U.S.'s safety from terrorism?

		Safer	Less Safe	No Effect
Sep. 28-Oct. 1, 2003	CBS News/NYT	60	18	18
Mar. 10-14, 2004	CBS News/NYT	62	17	17
Mar. 30 - Apr. 1, 2004	CBS News	53	20	22
Apr. 23-27, 2004	CBS News/NYT	49	25	21
May 20-23, 2004	CBS News	50	26	19
Aug. 15-18, 2004	CBS News	51	24	19
Sept. 12-16, 2004	CBS News/NYT	55	24	17
Sept. 20-22, 2004	CBS News	59	23	14
Oct. 1-3, 2004	CBS News	56	27	13
Oct. 14-17, 2004	CBS News/NYT	52	29	15
Oct. 28-30, 2004	CBS News/NYT	54	29	14
Aug. 11-13, 2006	CBS News	51	29	16
Aug. 17-21, 2006	CBS News/NYT	48	25	22
Sep. 4-9, 2007	CBS News/NYT	49	26	20

- Compared to a year ago, do you feel more safe from the threat of terrorism, less safe, or about as safe as you felt a year ago?

		-----Compared To A Year Ago-----		
		More Safe	The Same	Less Safe
Apr. 26-27, 2003	CBS News	31	51	18
Aug. 26-28, 2003*	CBS News	20	53	26
Jul. 21-25, 2006	CBS News/NYT	14	68	18
Aug. 11-13, 2006	CBS News	12	69	18

NOTE: *Question wording began, “Compared to two years ago...?”

- How much confidence do you have in the Bush Administration to protect U.S. citizens from future acts of terrorism – a great deal, a moderate amount, not much, or none at all?

		Great Deal	Moderate Amount	Not much	None
May 19-21, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	35	44	15	5
Jul. 19-21, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	27	40	18	15
Jul 30-Aug 1, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	31	33	21	15
Feb. 4-6, 2005	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	38	35	16	10
Jun. 16-19, 2005	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	23	38	21	17
July 7-10, 2005	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	23	38	24	14

- Do you think President Bush and his administration have formulated a clear policy for dealing with the war on terrorism, or do you think the Bush administration is reacting to events as they happen?

		Clear Policy	Reacting to events
Jul. 28-Aug. 1, 2006	LA Times/Bloomberg	29	63
Sep. 16-19, 2006	LA Times/Bloomberg	26	63

- Thinking about current U.S. relations with the rest of the world, would you say that the world is becoming safer or more dangerous for the United States and the American people?

		Much safer	Somewhat safer	Somewhat more dangerous	Much more dangerous
Sep. 2006	Public Agenda	6	13	36	43
Mar. 2007	Public Agenda	4	9	34	48
Sep. 2007	Public Agenda	5	12	34	45

- In general, do you think Americans are safer from terrorism today than they were before the attacks of September 11, 2001, or not?

		Yes, safer	No, safer
Aug. 10-11, 2006	PSRA/Newsweek	50	47

- Compared to before September 11, 2001, do you think the United States today is safer from terrorism, less safe from terrorism, or is there no difference?

		Safer	Less safe	No difference
Aug. 2006	Diageo-Hotline	45	25	27

- Since September 11, 2001 do you think that Republican policies have made the United States less safe from terrorism, or have they not had an effect on how safe the country is from terrorism?

		Safer	Less safe	No difference
Aug. 2006	Diageo-Hotline	49	20	25

- Since September 11, 2001 do you think that the Bush administration’s policies have made the United States less safe from terrorism, or have they not had an effect on how safe the country is from terrorism?

		Safer	Less safe	No difference
Aug. 2006	Diageo-Hotline	46	27	25

- In your opinion would you say the world today is – more dangerous than at other times in your life, about the same, or less dangerous than at other times in your life?

		More dangerous	The same	Less dangerous
Jul. 21-23, 2006	Gallup/USA Today	76	20	4

- Overall, do you think the ability of terrorists to launch another major attack on the U.S. is greater, the same, or less than it was at the time of the September 11th terrorist attacks?

		Greater	Same	Less
Aug. 14-25, 2002	PSRA/Pew Research Center	22	39	34
Jul. 8-18, 2004	PSRA/Pew Research Center	24	39	34
Jul. 13-17, 2005	PSRA/Pew Research Center	28	40	29
Jan. 4-8, 2006	PSRA/Pew Research Center	17	39	39
Aug. 9-13, 2006	PSRA/Pew Research Center	25	37	33
Dec. 6-10, 2006	PSRA/Pew Research Center	23	41	31
Feb.20-24, 2008	PSRA/Pew Research Center	16	41	39

- How safe do you believe air travel is in the United States today?

		Safe	Unsafe
Oct. 17-18, 2001	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	78	19
Nov. 14-15, 2001	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	76	21
Feb. 26-27, 2002	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	80	17
Sep. 8-9, 2002	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	82	13
Dec. 13-14, 2005	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	84	12
Feb. 28-Mar. 1, 2006	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	86	11
Aug. 29-30, 2006	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	78	18

- How safe do you believe U.S. borders are today?

		Safe	Unsafe
Feb. 28-Mar. 1, 2006	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	39	57

- How safe do you believe U.S. ports are today?

		Safe	Unsafe
Feb. 18-Mar. 1, 2006	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	51	41

- Do you think the Bush administration has made a lot of progress, some progress, not much progress, or no progress at all in developing a comprehensive plan for protecting the country against terrorism?

		A Lot	Some	Not Much	None At All
Sep. 2-5, 2002	CBS News/NYT	17	63	13	5
May 9-12, 2003	CBS News/NYT	42	44	8	3
Aug. 26-28, 2003*	CBS News	31	47	11	9

NOTE: *Asked of registered voters. Question wording was, "...in making the United States safer from terrorism?"

- Please tell me whether the following statement applies to Bush or not...he has made the country safer and more secure?

		Yes	No
Dec. 2002	ABC News/Wash Post	65	33
Sep. 2003	ABC News	63	35
May 2004	ABC News/Wash Post	52	47
Jan. 2007	ABC News/Wash Post	44	55

- Do you think George W. Bush's policies since September 11, 2001 have - or have not - addressed the fundamental security risks that existed before September 11th?

		Yes	No
Jan. 9-11, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	73	25

- In the years since the attacks of September 11th 2001, do you think the threat of terrorism against the U.S. has increased, decreased, or has it stayed about the same?

		Increased	Decreased	Stayed Same
Aug. 29-31, 2005	CBS News	30	18	49
Aug. 17-21, 2006	CBS News/NYT	41	14	43

- Do you think that, as a country, we are more safe, about as safe, or less safe than we were before September 11th?

		More Safe	Less Safe	About As Safe
Sept. 3-5, 2002	NBC/WSJ	38	20	41
Aug. 23-25, 2004#	NBC/WSJ	41	27	31
Sept. 9-12, 2005	NBC/WSJ	31	31	37
Jul. 27-30, 2007	NBC/WSJ	34	37	27
Sep. 7-10, 2007	NBC/WSJ	33	33	32

NOTE: # asked of registered voters only.

- In general, how well do you think the U.S. government is doing in reducing the threat of terrorism - very well, fairly well, not too well, or not at all well?

		Very Well	Somewhat Well	Not Too Well	Not At All Well
Oct. 10-14, 2001	PSRA/Pew Research Center	48	40	6	2
Oct. 15-21, 2001	PSRA/Pew Research Center	38	46	9	4
Oct. 31-					
Nov. 7, 2001	PSRA/Pew Research Center	35	46	9	5
Jun. 19-23, 2002	PSRA/Pew Research Center	16	60	16	4
Oct. 30-					
Nov. 2, 2002*	PSRA/Pew Research Center	15	54	19	8
Jul. 14-					
Aug. 5, 2003	PSRA/Pew Research Center	19	56	16	7
July 8-18, 2004	PSRA/Pew Research Center	18	53	17	8
July 13-17, 2005	PSRA/Pew Research Center	17	53	19	8
Jan. 4-8, 2006	PSRA/Pew Research Center	16	50	20	9
Feb. 1-5, 2006	Pew Research Center	16	52	20	10
Aug. 9-13, 2006	PSRA/Pew Research Center	22	52	16	8
Dec. 6-10, 2006	PSRA/Pew Research Center	17	48	21	11
Jan. 2007	PSRA/Pew Research Center	17	37	27	17
Feb. 20-24, 2008	PSRA/Pew Research Center	21	45	19	12

NOTE: *Asked of registered voters.

- Since Sept. 11, 2001, do you think the federal government has done all it could reasonably be expected to do to make the country safe from future terrorist attacks, or could the government have done more?

		Done All It Could	Could Have Done More
Sept. 2-5, 2002*	CBS News/NYT	42	54
Oct. 27-31, 2002#	CBS News/NYT	49	46
Jan. 19-22, 2003	CBS News/NYT	52	45
Jul. 13-17, 2005	CBS News	41	54
Aug. 11-13, 2006	CBS News	39	58
Aug. 17-21, 2006	CBS News/NYT	40	58

NOTE: * Question wording read, "In the year since September 11..." # Question wording read, "Since the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon...."

- How would you rate the job the Bush administration has done in preventing a terrorist attack in the United States since September 11, 2001 - excellent, pretty good, only fair, or poor?

		Positive	Negative
Feb. 9-16, 2004	Harris Interactive	70	30
Sept. 9-13, 2004	Harris Interactive	62	37
Jun. 7-12, 2005	Harris Interactive	57	41
Feb. 7-14, 2006	Harris Interactive	52	47

NOTE: Categories are combined.

- Now thinking specifically about air safety...Since the September 11th attacks, do you think flying on commercial airlines in the United States has become safer, less safe, or has stayed about the same?

		Safer	Less safe	Same
Nov. 15-16, 2001	PSRA/Newsweek	21	31	46
Aug. 10-11, 2006	PSRA/Newsweek	45	10	41

- If you had to fly on an airplane tomorrow, how would you describe your feelings about flying? Would you be very afraid, somewhat afraid, not very afraid, or not afraid at all?

		Very Afraid	Somewhat Afraid	Not very Afraid	Not afraid at all
Nov. 26-27, 2001	Gallup	17	26	18	38
Feb. 8-10, 2002	Gallup	18	26	17	38
Mar. 10-12, 2006	Gallup	9	18	18	53
Aug. 18-20, 2006	Gallup	10	25	24	40

- Would you say the new security measures at airports around the country since the September 11th, 2001 terrorist attacks have been an effective part of the government's overall strategy to prevent terrorism, or not?

		Yes	No
Aug. 18-20, 2006	Gallup	77	21

- Do you think the federal government has done all it could reasonably be expected to do to improve airport security since September 11, 2001, or could it have done more?

		Done All It Could	Could Have Done More
Jul. 13-17, 2005	CBS News	54	42
Aug. 29-31, 2005	CBS News	50	46

- Do you think the federal government has done all it could reasonably be expected to do to improve security on trains and mass transit systems since September 11, 2001, or could it have done more?

		Done All It Could	Could Have Done More
Jul. 13-17, 2005	CBS News	26	61

- In your opinion, is the world now more dangerous, less dangerous, or about the same compared to ten years ago?

		More Dangerous	About The Same	Less Dangerous
Aug. 21-Sep. 5, 2001*	PSRA/Pew Research Center	53	30	14
Jul. 14-Aug. 5, 2003	PSRA/Pew Research Center	75	20	5

NOTE: *Question wording was preceded by: "It has been ten years since the end of the Cold War."

- Do you think the United States would be more secure or less secure if management of the FBI, CIA, and other intelligence agencies were combined?

		More Secure	Less Secure
July 20-21, 2004	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	52	16

- How confident are you that U.S. intelligence agencies have improved their procedures and will be able to prevent attacks like 9/11 in the future?

		Very Confident	Somewhat Confident	Not Very Confident	Not At All Confident
July 29-30, 2003	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	17	45	20	13
July 20-21, 2004	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	14	45	22	13
Aug. 30-31, 2005	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	14	47	20	13

HAS THE IRAQ WAR MADE US SAFER?: As for the Iraq war, 36 percent in a March 2008 CBS News question said that the war in Iraq had made the U.S. safer from terrorism. Twenty-four percent said it had made us less safe and 39 percent said it made no difference.

- As a result of the United States, military action against Iraq, do you think the United States is more safe from terrorism, less safe from terrorism, or hasn't it made any difference?

		More safe	Less safe	No difference
Jan. 2006	CBS News	39	19	40
Mar. 2006	CBS News	30	23	44
Sep. 2007	CBS News	31	23	43
Mar. 2008	CBS News	36	24	38

- Do you think the invasion of Iraq strengthened or weakened the war on terrorism?

		Strengthened	Weakened
June 2004	Harris Interactive	52	38
Aug. 2004	Harris Interactive	50	40
Sept. 2004	Harris Interactive	43	41
Oct. 2004	Harris Interactive	52	45
Nov. 2004	Harris Interactive	48	48
Feb. 2005	Harris Interactive	46	48
Apr. 2005	Harris Interactive	49	47
Jun. 2005	Harris Interactive	43	45
Aug. 2005	Harris Interactive	44	48

- Do you think the war in Iraq has helped the war on terrorism, or has it hurt the war on terrorism?

		Helped	Hurt
Apr. 2003	PSRA/Pew Research Center	63	22
May 2003	PSRA/Pew Research Center	65	22
Sep. 2003	PSRA/Pew Research Center	54	31
Dec. 2003	PSRA/Pew Research Center	59	26
Feb. 2004	PSRA/Pew Research Center	55	32
Mar. 2004	PSRA/Pew Research Center	50	37
Jun. 2004	PSRA/Pew Research Center	43	44
Jul. 2004	PSRA/Pew Research Center	43	45
Aug. 2004	PSRA/Pew Research Center	45	44
Sep. 2004	PSRA/Pew Research Center	46	40
Oct. 2004	PSRA/Pew Research Center	45	40
Feb. 2005	PSRA/Pew Research Center	44	41

Jul. 2005	PSRA/Pew Research Center	39	47
Sep. 2005	PSRA/Pew Research Center	43	43
Oct. 2005	PSRA/Pew Research Center	44	44
Jan. 2006	PSRA/Pew Research Center	44	38
Mar. 2006	PSRA/Pew Research Center	38	44
Jun. 2006	PSRA/Pew Research Center	44	40
Sep. 2006	PSRA/Pew Research Center	41	45
Sep.-Oct. 2006	PSRA/Pew Research Center	38	47
Oct. 2006	PSRA/Pew Research Center	36	46
Nov. 2006	PSRA/Pew Research Center	37	48
Feb. 2007	PSRA/Pew Research Center	40	47
Apr. 2007	PSRA/Pew Research Center	38	44
Jul. 2007	PSRA/Pew Research Center	40	45

● As a result of the U.S. military action against Iraq, do you think the threat of terrorism against the United States has increased, decreased, or stayed about the same?

		Increase	Same	Decrease
Sep. 22-23, 2002*	CBS News	44	34	18
Oct. 3-5, 2002*	CBS News/NYT	50	32	16
Oct. 27-31, 2002*	CBS News/NYT	59	26	12
Nov. 20-24, 2002*	CBS News/NYT	64	23	9
Jan. 19-22, 2003*	CBS News/NYT	62	28	8
Feb. 10-12, 2003*	CBS News/NYT	59	27	12
Feb. 24-25, 2003*	CBS News	58	31	8
Mar. 4-5, 2003*	CBS News	55	29	13
Mar. 7-9, 2003*	CBS News/NYT	55	30	12
Mar. 17, 2003*	CBS News/NYT	53	34	11
Mar. 20, 2003	CBS News/NYT	59	32	8
Apr. 2-3, 2003	CBS News	49	39	10
Apr. 11-13, 2003	CBS News/NYT	34	45	19
May 27-28, 2003	CBS News	34	49	15
Aug. 26-28, 2003	CBS News	32	48	19
Sep. 15-16, 2003	CBS News	25	55	17
Oct. 20-21, 2003	CBS News	26	51	21
Apr. 23-27, 2004	CBS News/NYT	41	39	18
June 23-27, 2004	CBS News/NYT	47	38	13
Aug. 15-18, 2004	CBS News	43	40	16
Sept. 6-8, 2004	CBS News	41	39	18
Oct. 1-3, 2004	CBS News/NYT	40	36	22
Jan. 14-18, 2005	CBS News/NYT	33	47	19
Jul. 13-17, 2005	CBS News	44	42	13
Jul. 29-Aug. 2, 2005	CBS News	45	39	14
Aug. 11-13, 2006	CBS News	48	42	9
Aug. 17-21, 2006	CBS News/NYT	48	39	12
Oct. 5-8, 2006	CBS News	34	52	12
Oct. 27-31, 2006	CBS News/NYT	35	46	18

NOTE: *Question wording was, "If the United States takes military action against Iraq, do you think the threat of terrorism against the United States will increase, decrease, or stay about the same?"

● Right now, is the U.S. involvement in Iraq creating more terrorists who are planning to attack the United States, or eliminating terrorists who were planning to attack the U.S., or is the U.S. involvement in Iraq not affecting the number of terrorists planning to attack the U.S.?

		Creating More Terrorists	Eliminating Terrorists	Not Effecting The Number
Jul. 13-14, 2005	CBS News	52	17	22
Jun. 26-28, 2007	CBS News	51	17	24

Jul. 20-22, 2007	CBS News/NYT	44	18	27
Aug. 8-12, 2007	CBS News	46	18	27
Sep. 4-8, 2007	CBS News/NYT	40	23	27

- Which comes closer to your view? In the long run, The U.S. will be safer from terrorism if it confronts the countries and groups that promote terrorism in the Middle east. Or, in the long run, the U.S. will be safer from terrorism if it stay out of other countries' affairs in the Middle East.

		Confront countries	Stay out of affairs
Oct. 2006	CBS News	44	49
Jul. 2007	CBS News/NYT	38	54
Aug. 2007	CBS News	41	49
Oct. 2007	CBS News	47	45

- In the long run, do you think the war in Iraq has increased the chances of terrorist attacks in the U.S., lessened the chances, or has it made no difference?

		Increased	Lessened	No Difference
Nov. 2002*	PSRA/Pew Research Center	45	18	30
Sept. 11-14, 2004	PSRA/Pew Research Center	34	32	31
Oct. 15-19, 2004	PSRA/Pew Research Center	36	32	28
Jul. 13-17, 2005	PSRA/Pew Research Center	45	22	30
Oct. 6-10, 2005	PSRA/Pew Research Center	41	25	32
Apr. 7-16, 2006	PSRA/Pew Research Center	37	27	33
May 30-Jun. 3, 2007	PSRA/Pew Research Center	41	23	32

- Do you think the United States must win the war in Iraq in order for the broader war on terrorism to be a success, or do you think the war on terrorism can be a success without the United States winning the war in Iraq?

		Must win in Iraq	Can be a success without winning Iraq
Jan. 10, 2007	ABC News/Wash Post	45	47
Apr. 12-15, 2007	ABC News/Wash Post	37	57
May 29-Jun. 1, 2007	ABC News/Wash Post	34	56
Sep. 4-7, 2007	ABC News/Wash Post	37	54

- In the long term, do you think there will more or less terrorism in the United States because the U.S. went to war in Iraq?

		More	Less
Dec. 2003	AP/Ipsos	40	49
Aug. 7-9, 2006	AP/Ipsos	60	31

- Do you think terrorism around the world has increased or decreased because of the situation in Iraq, or has terrorism around the world remained about the same?

		Increased	Decreased	About the same
Jan. 22-25, 2006	LA Times/Bloomberg	32	17	47
Jul. 28-Aug. 1, 2006	LA Times/Bloomberg	52	5	39

- Do you think the war with Iraq has or has not contributed to the long-term security of the United States?

		Yes	No
Jul. 9-10, 2003	ABC News/Wash Post	62	35
Dec. 18-21, 2003	ABC News/Wash Post	62	34
Jan. 15-18, 2004	ABC News/Wash Post	59	38
Feb. 10-11, 2004	ABC News/Wash Post	58	38
Feb. 11-16, 2004	PSRA/Pew Research Center	56	38
Mar. 4-7, 2004	ABC News/Wash Post	57	40

Apr. 15-18, 2004	ABC News/Wash Post	57	40
May 20-23, 2004	ABC News/Wash Post	54	43
June 17-20, 2004	ABC News/Wash Post	51	46
July 8-11, 2004	Washington Post	53	43
July 22-25, 2004	ABC News/Wash Post	51	45
Aug. 26-29, 2004	ABC News/ Wash Post	54	42
Sept. 6-8, 2004	ABC News/Wash Post	57	40
Sept. 24-26, 2004	ABC News/Wash Post	54	42
Oct. 1-3, 2004	ABC News/Wash Post	53	42
Dec. 16-19, 2004	ABC News/Wash Post	51	46
Jan. 12-16, 2005	ABC News/Wash Post	50	47
Mar. 10-13, 2005	ABC News/Wash Post	52	46
Jun. 2-5, 2005	ABC News/Wash Post	47	52
Jun. 23-26, 2005	ABC News/Wash Post	52	46
Aug. 23-27, 2005	ABC News/Wash Post	49	49
Oct. 30-Nov. 2, 2005	ABC News/Wash Post	46	52
Dec. 15-18, 2005	ABC News/Wash Post	54	44
Jan. 23-26, 2006	ABC News/Wash Post	53	45
Mar. 2-5, 2006	ABC News/Wash Post	50	48
Apr. 6-9, 2006	ABC News/Wash Post	52	46
May 12-14, 2006	ABC News/Wash Post	48	51
Jun. 2006	ABC News/Wash Post	51	48
Sep. 5-7, 2006	ABC News/Wash Post	50	47
Oct. 5-8, 2006	ABC News/Wash Post	48	50
Dec. 6-10, 2006	ABC News/Wash Post	46	51
May 29-Jun. 1, 2007	ABC News/Wash Post	44	53
Sep. 4-7, 2007	ABC News/Wash Post	44	52
Dec. 6-9, 2007	ABC News/Wash Post	46	50

● Do you think the invasion of Iraq has helped to protect the United States from another terrorist attack or not?

		Has Helped Protect	Has Not Helped Protect
Apr. 2004	Harris Interactive	43	52
June 2004	Harris Interactive	41	52
Aug. 2004	Harris Interactive	43	54
Sept. 2004	Harris Interactive	42	51
Oct. 2004	Harris Interactive	47	52
Nov. 2004	Harris Interactive	46	53

● Do you think the war in Iraq will help the war on terrorism, or will it hurt the war on terrorism?

		Help	Hurt
Oct. 2-6, 2002	PSRA/Pew Research Center	52	34
Apr. 8-9, 2003	PSRA/Pew Research Center	63	22
Apr. 30-May 4, 2003*	PSRA/Pew Research Center	65	22
Sep. 17-22, 2003*	PSRA/Pew Research Center	54	31
Dec. 15-17, 2003*	PSRA/Pew Research Center	59	26
Feb. 11-16, 2004*	PSRA/Pew Research Center	55	32
Feb. 24-29, 2004*	PSRA/Pew Research Center	62	28
Mar. 17-21, 2004*	PSRA/Pew Research Center	50	37
July 8-18, 2004*	PSRA/Pew Research Center	43	45
August 5-10, 2004*	PSRA/Pew Research Center	45	44
Sep. 8-14, 2004 *	PSRA/Pew Research Center	46	40
Oct. 15-19, 2004	PSRA/Pew Research Center	45	40
Feb. 16-21, 2005*	PSRA/Pew Research Center	44	41
Jul. 13-17, 2005*	PSRA/Pew Research Center	39	47
Sept. 8-11, 2005*	PSRA/Pew Research Center	43	43
Oct. 12-24, 2005*	PSRA/Pew Research Center	44	44

NOTE: *Question wording was, "...has helped the war on terrorism, or has it hurt the war on terrorism?"

- Do you think the United States actions in Iraq have made the world safer or more dangerous?

		Safer	More Dangerous
July 20-22, 2004	SRB/Time	37	55
Aug. 3-5, 2004	SRB/Time	38	52
Aug. 31-Sept. 2, 2004	SRB/Time	45	45
Sept. 7-9, 2004	SRB/Time	44	46
Sept. 21-23, 2004	SRB/Time	39	51
Oct. 6-7, 2004	SRB/Time	39	49

- Do you think the war with Iraq has made the world safer or less safe from terrorism?

		Safer	Less Safe
May 21-23, 2005	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	42	51
July 7-10, 2005	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	40	52
Aug. 5-7, 2005	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	34	57
Aug. 18-20, 2006	CNN/ORC	32	59

- Since the United States has taken military action against Iraq to remove Saddam Hussein from power, do you think the threat of terrorism in the United States has increased, decreased, or stayed about the same?

		Increased	Same	Decreased
Dec. 7-9, 2002*	NBC/WSJ	55	35	9
Jan. 19-21, 2003*	NBC/WSJ	55	32	10
Mar. 17, 2003*	NBC/WSJ	52	29	16
Apr. 12-13, 2003	NBC/WSJ	32	52	14
May 17-19, 2003	NBC/WSJ	28	51	19
Nov. 8-10, 2003	NBC/WSJ	28	50	21
June 25-28, 2004	NBC/WSJ	51	34	14
Jul. 8-11, 2005^	NBC/WSJ	35	50	13

NOTE: *Question wording was, "If the United States took military action against Iraq to remove Saddam Hussein from power, do you think the threat of terrorism in the United States would increase, decrease, or stay about the same?"

- Do you think the war with Iraq has made the U.S. safer or less safe from terrorism?

		Safer	Less Safe
Apr. 10, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	51	37
Apr. 22-23, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	58	33
Oct. 24-26, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	45	43
Nov. 14-16, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	48	43
Dec. 15-16, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	56	33
Mar. 5-7, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	50	37
Jun 21-23, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	37	55
Oct. 1-3, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	47	45
Jun. 24-26, 2005	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	43	46
Jun. 29-30, 2005	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	44	39
Jul. 7-10, 2005	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	40	54
Aug. 5-7, 2005	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	34	57
May 5-7, 2006	CNN/ORC	33	53
Aug. 18-20, 2006	CNN/ORC	37	55
Sep. 15-17, 2006	Gallup/USA Today	41	48
Oct. 6-8, 2006	CNN/ORC	36	53
Nov. 3-5, 2006	CNN/ORC	35	56
Aug. 6-8, 2007	CNN/ORC	42	49

Sep. 7-8, 2007	Gallup/USA Today	40	49
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- In the long run, do you think having gone to war with Iraq will increase or decrease the risk of further terrorism in the United States?

		Increase	Decrease
Mar. 17, 2003*	ABC News/Wash Post	39	48
Apr. 16, 2003	ABC News/Wash Post	29	58
Sep. 4-7, 2003	ABC News	48	40

NOTE: *Question wording was, "...going to war."

- In the long run, do you think the U.S. military action against Iraq will do more to increase the risk or decrease the risk that large numbers of Americans will be killed or injured in a future terrorist attack, or that it won't make much difference either way?

		Increase	No Difference	Decrease
Apr. 10-11, 2003	PSRA/Newsweek	28	41	26
Aug. 21-22, 2003	PSRA/Newsweek	36	34	25
Sep. 25-26, 2003	PSRA/Newsweek	27	36	30
Oct. 23-24, 2003	PSRA/Newsweek	35	30	27
Dec. 18-19, 2003	PSRA/Newsweek	28	34	30
Mar. 18-19, 2004	PSRA/Newsweek	36	27	30
Mar. 25-26, 2004	PSRA/Newsweek	41	27	25
Apr. 8-9, 2004	PSRA/Newsweek	42	24	29

- If Iraq becomes a stable democracy, do you think that will make the United States more safe from terrorism, less safe from terrorism, or won't it make any difference?

		More Safe	No Difference	Less Safe
Sep. 15-16, 2003	CBS News	36	56	5
Nov. 10-12, 2003	CBS News	38	55	6
Dec. 21-22, 2003	CBS News	41	52	4
Jan. 12-15, 2004	CBS News/NYT	38	52	6

- Should the United States try to change a dictatorship to a democracy where it can, or should the United States stay out of other countries' affairs?

		Try to change	Stay out
Apr. 2004	CBS News/NYT	22	62
Feb. 2005	CBS News/NYT	27	59

- Do you agree or disagree that current U.S. policies are leading to democracy in the Middle East?

		Agree	Disagree
Mar. 29-30, 2005	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	53	33

- Which of the following statements comes closer to your view: "The overthrow of Saddam Hussein and installation of a new government in Iraq will encourage changes in the Middle East that will reduce the risk of terrorism against the United States" or "The invasion of Iraq has alienated many in the Muslim world, which will increase the risk of terrorism against the United States?"

-----Overthrow of Saddam Hussein and Installation of a New Government-----			
		Encourage Change/ Reduce Terrorism	Alienated Many Increase Risk of Terrorism
Jan. 15-17, 2005	L.A. Times	44	47

- If the U.S. withdrew its troops from Iraq now, do you think the threat of terrorism against the United States would increase, decrease, or stay about the same?

		Increase	Decrease	Stay Same
Aug. 29-31, 2005	CBS News	32	11	54

- How do you think the war in Iraq affected the Al Qaeda terrorist network? Do you think the war in Iraq made it harder for Al Qaeda to launch new attacks, made it easier for Al Qaeda to launch new attacks, or did the war in Iraq not change Al Qaeda's ability to launch new attacks?

		Made It Harder	Made It Easier	No Impact
May 27-28, 2003	CBS News	48	6	42
Jul. 29-Aug. 2, 2005	CBS News	41	16	36

- Please tell me whether you agree or disagree with each of the following statements...If the United States withdraws its troops from Iraq there will be more terrorist attacks in the United States.

		If U.S. withdraws its troops from Iraq there will be more terrorist attacks in the United States	
		Agree	Disagree
Jul. 8-11, 2005	NBC/WSJ	36	54

- As a result of the war, do you yourself feel more safe from terrorism, less safe from terrorism, or hasn't the war affected the way you feel?

		-----As A Result Of The War-----		
		More Safe	Not Affected	Less Safe
Apr. 27-30, 2003	ABC News/Wash Post	36	47	16

- Do you think it was or was not necessary for the United States to invade Iraq in 2003 in order to prevent additional acts of terrorism in the U.S.?

		Yes, Necessary	No, Not Necessary
Jun. 29-30, 2005	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	46	51

- If the United States removed its troops from Iraq, do you think terrorism against the United States would stop?

		Yes	No
Jul. 26-27, 2005	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	9	85

- Overall, do you think the war in Iraq has made the United States safer or less safe?

		Safer	Less Safe
Jun. 30-Jul. 1, 2003	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	46	35

- Do you think the U.S. military action in Iraq will ultimately make the United States safer or not?

		Safer	Not Safer
Jun. 8-9, 2004	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	39	46

- Overall, do you think the capture of Saddam Hussein has made the United States safer or not?

		Safer	Not Safer
Jan. 7-8, 2004	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	46	46

THE WAR IN AFGHANISTAN: At the start of the military campaign in Afghanistan on October 7, 2001, large majorities of Americans were supportive of the Bush administration's actions there. In December 2006, 61 percent of those surveyed by Pew said the U.S. made the right decision in using military force in Afghanistan.

Americans do not seem as upbeat now though a majority still say the war was worth fighting. In July 2008, ABC News/Washington Post pollsters found that 51 percent of Americans said the war in Afghanistan had been worth fighting. Forty-five percent said it was not worth it.

- Thinking now about Afghanistan, all in all, considering the costs to the United States versus the benefits to the United States, do you think the war in Afghanistan was worth fighting, or not?

		Worth fighting	Not worth fighting
Feb. 22-25, 2007	ABC News/Wash Post	56	41
Jul. 10-13, 2008	ABC News/Wash Post	51	45

- Do you think the United States must win the war in Afghanistan in order for the broader war on terrorism to be a success, or do you think the war on terrorism can be a success without the United States winning the war in Afghanistan?

		US must win	Can be a success without
Jul. 10-13, 2008	ABC News/Wash Post	51	42

- Overall, do you think the U.S. military action in Afghanistan against the Taliban and Al Qaeda has been successful or not successful?

		Successful	Not successful
Oct. 2002	ABC News/Wash Post	70	24
Jul. 10-13, 2008	ABC News/Wash Post	44	51

- Do you think the United States made a mistake in sending military forces to Afghanistan, or not?

		Yes	No
Nov. 8-11, 2001	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	9	89
Jan. 7-9, 2002	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	6	93
July 19-21, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	25	72
Aug. 3-5, 2007	Gallup/USA Today	25	70

- Do you think the U.S. made the right decision or the wrong decision in using military force in Afghanistan?

		Right Decision	Wrong Decision
Jan. 4-8, 2006	Pew Research Center	69	20
Dec. 6-10, 2006	PSRA/Pew Research Center	61	29
Feb. 20-24, 2008	PSRA/Pew Research Center	65	24

- Do you think the U.S. and NATO should keep military troops in Afghanistan until the situation has stabilized, or do you think the U.S. and NATO should remove their troops as soon as possible?

		Keep troops	Remove
Spring 2007	Pew Global Attitudes	50	42
Feb. 20-24, 2008	PSRA/Pew Research Center	61	32

- Do you think the war against terrorist organizations in Afghanistan has been mostly a success or mostly a failure?

		Success	Failure
August 2002	Pew Research Center	15	12
Jan. 4-8, 2006	Pew Research Center	52	30

Dec. 6-10, 2006	PSRA/Pew Research Center	45	42
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NOTE: August 2002 question included the option “Too early to tell” of which 70 percent selected.

- As far as you know, is the U.S. military still involved in Afghanistan, or has the U.S. pulled out of Afghanistan?

Jan. 4-8, 2006	Pew Research Center	Still Involved 77	Pulled Out 8
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- Do you think the United States should or should not take military action in retaliation for the attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon?

Sep. 14-15, 2001	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	Should 88	Should Not 8
Sep. 21-22, 2001	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	89	7

- Do you favor or oppose the United States taking direct military action in Afghanistan?

Sep. 21-22, 2001	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	Favor 82	Oppose 13
Oct. 5-6, 2001	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	82	14
Oct. 11-14, 2001	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	88	10

- Do you approve or disapprove of the current U.S. military action against terrorism?

Oct. 11-12, 2001	PSRA/Newsweek	Approve 89	Disapprove 8
Oct. 18-19, 2001	PSRA/Newsweek	88	9
Oct. 25-26, 2001	PSRA/Newsweek	88	8
Nov. 1-2, 2001	PSRA/Newsweek	86	10
Nov. 8-9, 2001	PSRA/Newsweek	88	10
Nov. 15-16, 2001	PSRA/Newsweek	88	11
Nov. 29-30, 2001	PSRA/Newsweek	89	7
Dec. 6-7, 2001	PSRA/Newsweek	88	9
Dec. 12-13, 2001	PSRA/Newsweek	89	7

- Do you approve or disapprove of the current U.S. military action in Afghanistan?

Oct. 19-21, 2001	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	Approve 88	Disapprove 10
Nov. 2-4, 2001	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	86	11
Nov. 26-27, 2001	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	92	6
Dec. 6-7, 2001	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	88	9
Jan. 25-27, 2002	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	89	9
Mar. 8-9, 2002	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	91	7
Sep. 2-4, 2002	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	83	13
Dec. 5-7, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	71	25

- Do you think the U.S. should take military action against whoever is responsible for the attacks?

Sep. 13-14, 2001	CBS News/NYT	Should 85	Should Not 6
Sep. 20-23, 2001	CBS News/NYT	92	5

- Do you approve or disapprove of the military attacks led by the United States against targets in Afghanistan?

Oct. 8, 2001	CBS News	Approve 87	Disapprove 6
Oct. 25-28, 2001	CBS News/NYT	88	8

Nov. 13-14, 2001	CBS News/NYT	89	7
Dec. 7-10, 2001	CBS News/NYT	91	5
Jan. 5-6, 2002	CBS News/NYT	89	8
Jan 15-17, 2002	CBS News/NYT	87	10
Jan. 21-24, 2002	CBS News/NYT	87	9
Feb. 24-26, 2002	CBS News	87	8
Apr. 1-2, 2002	CBS News	88	9

- Do you support or oppose the U.S. military action being taken in response to the terrorist attacks?

		Support	Oppose
Sep. 19-20, 2001	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	89	6
Oct. 3-4, 2001	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	82	8
Oct. 17-18, 2001	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	89	6
Oct. 31-Nov. 1, 2001	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	87	8
Nov. 14-15, 2001	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	91	6
Nov. 28-29, 2001	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	91	5
Dec. 12-13, 2001	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	91	6
Jan. 9-10, 2002	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	90	5
Jan. 30-31, 2002	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	89	7
Feb. 26-27, 2002	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	82	11
Mar. 12-13, 2002	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	91	6

NOTE: All Fox News/Opinion Dynamics polls in this document are asked of registered voters, unless otherwise noted.

- If the United States can identify the groups or nations responsible for today's attacks, would you support or oppose taking military action against them?

		Support	Oppose
Sep. 11, 2001	ABC News/Wash Post	94	3
Sep. 13, 2001*	ABC News/Wash Post	93	5
Sep. 20, 2001*	ABC News/Wash Post	90	6
Sep. 25-27, 2001*	Wash Post	90	7

NOTE: *Question wording varied slightly.

- Do you support or oppose the U.S. military action in Afghanistan?

		Support	Oppose
Oct. 7, 2001*	ABC News/Wash Post	94	4
Oct. 8-9, 2001*	ABC News	92	6
Nov. 5-6, 2001	ABC News/Wash Post	90	9
Nov. 27, 2001	ABC News/Wash Post	91	7
Mar. 7-10, 2002	ABC News/Wash Post	91	8

NOTE: *Question wording was, "Do you support or oppose the U.S.-led air strikes on Afghanistan that began this week?"

- Which of the following statements do you agree with more...we have completed our mission in Afghanistan. Al Qaeda forces have been defeated, the Taliban are out of power, and the Afghan people have more freedom or we have not yet accomplished our goals in Afghanistan. There is still a large Al Qaeda presence, war lords rule much of the country, and Osama Bin Laden remains at large.

		We completed our mission in Afghanistan	We have not accomplished our goals in Afghanistan
Jan. 2005	Marttila/Security and Peace Inst.	19	73

- Now turning to Afghanistan, do you think that the situation for U.S. troops in Afghanistan is getting better, getting worse, or no real change?

		Getting Better	Getting Worse	No Real Change
Jul. 12-18, 2005	Harris Interactive	17	30	37

- How confident are you that U.S. policies in Afghanistan will be successful?

		Confident	Not Confident	Not Sure
Jul. 12-18, 2005	Harris Interactive	25	45	30

- Do you think things in Afghanistan are moving in the right direction?

		Yes	No	Not Sure
Jul. 12-18, 2005	Harris Interactive	32	27	41

- How much attention are you paying to what is happening in Afghanistan?

		Great Deal	Fair Amount	Very Little	No Attention At All
Jul. 12-18, 2005	Harris Interactive	16	46	29	5

- Right now, most other countries around the world support the U.S.-led military action in Afghanistan in the war against terrorism. Would you favor or oppose the U.S. continuing military action on its own even if other countries withdraw their support?

		Favor	Oppose
Oct. 31-Nov. 1, 2001	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics (U.S.)	77	14

- If other countries in the international alliance fighting against terrorism oppose actions beyond Afghanistan, do you think the U.S. should give up the hunt for terrorists or is fighting terrorism so important that the U.S. should go it alone?

		Go It Alone	Give Up Hunt
Jan. 9-10, 2002	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics (U.S.)	65	15

- As you may know, there are many possible problems the U.S. government might face in how it conducts the war on terrorism in the future. Please tell me whether you are concerned, not very concerned, or not at all concerned that each of the following will happen...The U.S. might lose the support of key allies that currently support U.S. action in Afghanistan?

		Very Concerned	Somewhat Concerned	Not Very Concerned	Not At All Concerned
Mar. 13-14, 2002	Harris Interactive (U.S.)	29	33	21	14

PROPER USE OF FORCE IN AFGHANISTAN?: In September and October 2001, when pollsters asked about U.S. actions to date in the war on terrorism, most people said they had been about right thus far. Of the remainder, more said that we didn't react swiftly or assertively enough than said we reacted too quickly or harshly. This same pattern appeared in polls before the 1991 Gulf War and in polls taken at the time of the war against Iraq in 2003.

● In your opinion, how soon - if ever- should the United States use military force against those responsible for last week's terrorist attacks? Do you think military action should have already started, should start within the next few weeks, should start within the next six months, should take as long as is necessary to plan something that will work, or should not be considered at all?

		Have Already Started	Start Within Next Few Weeks	Start Within Next 6 Months	Take As Long As Necessary	Not Be Considered At All
Sep. 20-21, 2001	PSRA/Newsweek	17	15	6	59	1
Sep. 27-28, 2001*	PSRA/Newsweek	18	10	4	63	2
Oct. 4-5, 2001*	PSRA/Newsweek	24	11	4	55	3

NOTE: Question wording varied slightly.

● Do you think George Bush's reaction to the terrorist attack has been too strong, not strong enough, or just about right?

		Too Strong	Not Strong Enough	Just Right
Sep. 13, 2001	Harris Interactive	3	23	71
Sep. 27, 2001	Harris Interactive	5	17	74
Oct. 12, 2001	Harris Interactive	5	16	76

● Which comes closest to your view: The U.S. military should conduct military strikes immediately against known terrorist organizations, even if it is unclear who caused today's attacks; the U.S. military should only conduct military strikes against the terrorist organizations responsible for today's attacks, even if it takes months to clearly identify them; or the U.S. military should not conduct military strikes in response to today's attacks?

		Immediate Strikes	Wait Until Identification	No Strikes
Sep. 11, 2001	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	21	71	4

● Do you think President Bush has gone too far in terms of a military response to the terrorist attacks, done about right, or not gone far enough in terms of a military response to the terrorist attacks?

		Too Far	About right	Not Far Enough
Sep. 21-22, 2001	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	4	75	19

● Do you think the United States should wait to take military action until we are certain who is responsible for the attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, or should we take immediate military action against those who are suspects in the attacks?

		Wait Until Certain	Immediate Action
Sep. 20-23, 2001	CBS News/NYT	78	17

● Do you think the U.S. did the right thing in starting military attacks against Afghanistan now, or should the U.S. have attacked Afghanistan sooner, or should the U.S. have waited longer to begin military attacks?

		Attack Now	Attack Sooner	Wait Longer
Oct. 8, 2001	CBS News	60	21	10

- President Bush and his administration have been criticized by some for not pursuing the war in Afghanistan aggressively enough. President Bush urged people to be patient. Do you feel that the military action in Afghanistan has been pursued aggressively enough or not?

Oct. 31-Nov. 1, 2001	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	Yes 73	No 18
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- Which of the following comes closest to your view— the U.S. should have launched military action before now, the U.S. waited the right amount of time to take military action, or the U.S. should have waited longer before taking military action?

Oct. 7, 2001	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	Before Now 14	Right Amount 72	Waited Longer 9
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- Do you think the U.S.-led military action has been too aggressive, about right, or not aggressive enough?

Oct. 17-18, 2001	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	Too Aggressive 8	About Right 56	Not Aggressive Enough 30
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WHAT IF?: HYPOTHETICAL QUESTIONS ABOUT THE WAR: *Hypothetical questions of the kind shown below on the war on terrorism are very popular in the competitive polling environment. But we should be cautious about these “what if” questions because most people don’t think in abstract terms.*

- Would you support or oppose the U.S. taking military action if you knew each of the following would happen? How about if..?

Sep. 14-15, 2001	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	Support	Oppose
The U.S. military action would continue for a period of several months		86	11
5,000 additional U.S. civilians would be killed in future terrorist attacks		84	12
5,000 U.S. troops would be killed		76	16
The U.S. military action would continue for a period of years		66	30
1,000 American troops would be killed		65	30

- Would you support or oppose taking military action against the groups or nations responsible for these attacks, if you knew that it meant...?

Getting into a war		Support	Oppose
Sep. 13, 2001	ABC News/Wash Post	86	11
Sep. 20, 2001	ABC News/Wash Post	83	10
Sep. 25-27, 2001	Wash Post	83	11
Getting into a long war with large numbers of U.S. troops killed or injured			
Sep. 13, 2001	ABC News/Wash Post	69	26
Sep. 25-27, 2001	Wash Post	67	26
Innocent civilians in other countries might be hurt or killed			
Sep. 13, 2001	ABC News/Wash Post	77	19
Sep. 25-27, 2001	Wash Post	70	24

- Do you think the U.S. should take military action against whoever is responsible for the attacks, even if it means that...?

			Should	Should Not
Innocent people are killed				
	Sep. 11-12, 2001	CBS News	71	18
	Sep. 13-14, 2001	CBS News/NYT	68	17
	Sep. 20-23, 2001	CBS News/NYT	67	23
Many thousands of innocent civilians may be killed				
	Sep. 13-14, 2001	CBS News/NYT	60	21
	Sep. 20-23, 2001	CBS News/NYT	68	21
Going to war with a nation that is harboring those responsible for the attacks				
	Sep. 13-14, 2001	CBS News/NYT	67	18
	Sep. 20-23, 2001	CBS News/NYT	83	10

- Would you be very supportive, somewhat supportive, or not at all supportive of a war that lasts 6 months to 2 years?

Oct. 2001		Zogby International					
	Very Supportive	Somewhat Supportive	Not Supportive		Very Supportive	Somewhat Supportive	Not Supportive
Oct. 10	72	20	6	Oct. 26	70	20	7
Oct. 11	67	25	6	Oct. 27	70	19	9
Oct. 12	66	26	6	Oct. 28	70	21	7
Oct. 13	66	24	8	Oct. 29	71	18	8
Oct. 14	66	24	8	Oct. 30	71	17	10
Oct. 15	69	21	7	Oct. 31	72	17	9
Oct. 16	68	22	7	Nov. 15	66	22	9
Oct. 17	69	20	9	Nov. 29	68	22	7
Oct. 18	67	20	10	Nov. 30	68	21	8
Oct. 19	66	22	9				
Oct. 20	69	22	7				
Oct. 21	65	23	9				
Oct. 22	67	22	9				
Oct. 23	68	21	9				
Oct. 24	70	20	7				
Oct. 25	72	18	8				

- Would you be very supportive, somewhat supportive, or not at all supportive of a war that lasts 2 years to 5 years?

Oct. 2001		Zogby International					
	Very Supportive	Somewhat Supportive	Not Supportive		Very Supportive	Somewhat Supportive	Not Supportive
Oct. 10	58	24	14	Oct. 31	58	22	16
Oct. 11	54	26	16	Nov. 15	53	25	18
Oct. 12	54	28	15	Nov. 29	51	27	18
Oct. 13	55	26	15	Nov. 30	53	25	18
Oct. 14	54	27	16				
Oct. 15	56	27	15				
Oct. 16	56	26	16				
Oct. 17	55	25	17				
Oct. 18	52	25	19				
Oct. 19	52	28	16				
Oct. 20	57	25	14				
Oct. 21	56	25	17				
Oct. 22	56	24	18				
Oct. 23	54	25	18				
Oct. 24	57	25	16				

Oct. 25	58	24	16
Oct. 26	57	25	16
Oct. 27	57	23	17
Oct. 28	57	23	17
Oct. 29	58	21	17
Oct. 30	57	21	17

● How long would you be willing to use combat forces to deal with the problem of terrorism -- less than one year, one to two years, three to five years, or more than five years if it takes that long?

		Less Than 1 Year	1-2 Years	3-5 Years	More Than 5 Years
Nov. 2-4, 2001	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	8	15	10	63

● Continuing to think about how the U.S. government should deal with terrorism - which would you prefer - to continue with the use of combat forces regardless of how many U.S. military service people are killed or to stop using combat forces if the number of U.S. military people who are killed becomes too high?

		Continue Regardless Of Killed	Stop If Number Becomes Too High
Nov. 2-4, 2001	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	53	41

● Suppose several thousand American troops lose their lives in Afghanistan - do you think the war in Afghanistan would be worth that cost or not?

		Worth It	Not Worth It
Oct. 25-28, 2001	CBS News/NYT	61	27

● Do you think that combating terrorism is worth risking retaliation against the United States, or do you think that it is not worth retaliation?

		Worth It	Not Worth It
Nov. 9-11, 2001	NBC News/WSJ	87	9

● Do you think that the war in Afghanistan is or is not worth risking substantial numbers of American military casualties?

		Worth It	Not Worth It
Nov. 9-11, 2001	NBC News/WSJ	74	16

A BROADER WAR?: In 2001 and 2002, Americans told the pollsters on many occasions that the U.S. should root out terrorism by going after those countries that assist or shelter terrorists. They gave President Bush latitude in making those decisions.

● Which of the following comes closest to your view about the actions the United States should take to deal with terrorism – The U.S. should mount a long-term war to defeat global terrorist networks, the U.S. should take military action only to punish specific terrorist groups responsible for the attacks on the World Trade Center, or the U.S. should not take military action but should rely only on economic and diplomatic efforts to deal with terrorism?

		Long-Term War	Specific Terrorists	No Military Action
Oct. 5-6, 2001	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	49	43	6
Nov. 26-27, 2001	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	62	31	5
Mar. 8-9, 2002	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	52	40	6
Jun. 21-23, 2002	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	51	35	10

- If the United States takes military action, how important a goal should each of the following be – should it be a very important goal, somewhat important, not too important, or not important at all?

Sep. 21-22, 2001 Gallup/CNN/USA Today

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not Too Important	Not Important At All
Destroying terrorist operations in Afghanistan	91	5	1	2
Capturing or killing Osama bin Laden	85	10	2	1
Destroying terrorist operations outside of Afghanistan	84	12	2	1
Preventing Iran, Iraq, and North Korea from developing weapons of mass destruction	79	15	3	2
Destroying terrorist operations outside of Afghanistan	77	18	2	1
Removing Saddam Hussein from power in Iraq	68	22	5	2
Removing the Taliban government from power in Afghanistan	68	20	6	2

- Would you support or oppose the United States taking military action against any nation found to be aiding or hiding terrorists?

		Support	Oppose
Sep. 19-20, 2001	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	83	11
Oct. 17-18, 2001	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	84	11
Jan. 30-31, 2002	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	80	12

- Apart from those responsible for today's attacks, would you support or oppose the U.S. taking military action against countries that assist or shelter terrorists?

		Support	Oppose
Sep. 11, 2001	ABC News/Wash Post	84	11

- If the U.S. takes military action, should that only be aimed at the terrorists who are responsible, or should it also be aimed at the country or countries harboring the terrorists?

		Only Terrorists	Also Countries
Sep. 20-23, 2001	CBS News/NYT	27	65

- Do you believe the U.S. should - or should not - take military action against other countries that the U.S. believes are harboring terrorists?

		Should	Should Not
Oct. 7, 2001	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	78	16

- Do you think that the United States should limit its military action only to those groups or nations responsible for last month's attacks in New York and Washington, or should the United States mount a broader war against terrorist groups and nations that support them?

		Limit Action	Broader War
Oct. 7, 2001	ABC News/Wash Post	25	71

- Would you support or oppose U.S. military action against other countries that assist or shelter terrorists?

		Support	Oppose
Oct. 8-9, 2001	ABC News	87	10
Nov. 27, 2001	ABC News/Wash Post	81	15

- Would you support or oppose the United States taking military action against terrorists in other countries, even if they are not directly connected to the attacks on September 11?

		Support	Oppose
Oct. 17-18, 2001	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	72	20

- In the fight against terrorism, the United States might also consider using military force against targets in other countries. In general, would you support using military force against...

		Yes	No
Saddam Hussein and his military in Iraq			
Oct. 11-12, 2001	PSRA/Newsweek	81	15
Dec. 12-13, 2001	PSRA/Newsweek	78	15
Apr. 25-26, 2002	PSRA/Newsweek	68	24
Suspected terrorist targets in other Middle Eastern countries			
Oct. 11-12, 2001	PSRA/Newsweek	79	16
Dec. 12-13, 2001	PSRA/Newsweek	75	18
Suspected terrorist targets in countries outside the Middle East, such as Somalia and the Philippines			
Oct. 11-12, 2001	PSRA/Newsweek	71	23
Dec. 12-13, 2001	PSRA/Newsweek	66	25

- Now I would like to mention several options that might be taken in the war on terrorism, and for each one please tell me if you think the United States should or should not take that action.

Dec. 8-10, 2001	NBC News/WSJ		
		Take Action	No Action
Take military action against terrorist cells in other countries, such as the Philippines, Somalia, and Sudan		64	23
Take military action against Iraq and Saddam Hussein if he continues to keep U.N. inspectors out of Iraq, even if most of our allies would not join us		61	28
Military actions to overthrow Saddam Hussein even if it requires using substantial American ground troops		57	31

- Now I would like to mention several options that might be taken in the war on terrorism, and for each one please tell me if you think the United States should or should not take that action.

Jan. 18-21, 2002	NBC News/WSJ		
		Take Action	No Action
Take military action against terrorist cells in other countries, such as the Philippines, Somalia, and Sudan		71	20
Take military action against Iraq and Saddam Hussein, even if Iraq had nothing to do with the September 11 attacks		47	42

- If the United States takes military action, how important a goal should each of the following be – should it be a very important goal, somewhat important, not too important, or not important at all?

Feb. 8-10, 2002	Gallup/CNN/USA Today				
		Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not Too Important	Not Important At All
Capturing or killing Osama bin Laden		68	20	8	3
Removing Saddam Hussein from power in Iraq		64	24	7	4

- Please complete the following sentence in the manner that best reflects your personal view: If the Taliban government were taken out of power and Osama bin Laden was captured tomorrow, the U.S. government should - continue its military effort against terrorism by turning its military efforts against other terrorism-based countries, bring the military home once everything is stable in Afghanistan and keep the military on standby to take action if any new terrorist activity takes place, or keep a representative military presence in Afghanistan even after the new government officially takes control?

		Continue Against Other Countries	Bring Military Home	Keep Troops In Afghanistan
Nov. 29, 2001	Zogby International	48	26	20
Nov. 30, 2001	Zogby International	49	27	18
Dec. 3, 2001	Zogby International	47	30	18

- If the U.S. succeeds in its goal of eliminating terrorist cells in Afghanistan and capturing Osama bin Laden, what should be the next step for the U.S. military: Maintain a military presence in Afghanistan, take the fight to another country that harbors terrorists, or await the next order of deployment by the President?

		Maintain Presence In Afghanistan	Take Fight To Another Country	Await Order Of Deployment
Jan. 7, 2002	Zogby International	19	42	31
Jan. 14-17, 2002	Zogby International	24	38	27

- If the U.S. government decides to take military action in the following countries, would you favor or oppose it?

	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	Favor	Oppose
Jan. 11-14, 2002			
	Iraq	77	17
	Iran	71	23
	Somalia	62	26

- Do you approve or disapprove of the United States leading military attacks in other countries where it believes terrorists are hiding, like Iraq, Somalia, and the Philippines?

		Approve	Disapprove
Jan. 21-24, 2002	CBS News/NYT	73	18
Apr. 1-2, 2002	CBS News	68	21

VIEWS ABOUT ASSASSINATIONS: *In an article in Public Opinion Quarterly (Winter 2000) on attitudes toward assassinations, Professor Sheldon Appleton (Oakland University) argued that opposition to assassination “appears to have eroded somewhat during the 1980s in both the United States and other Western nations. In specific cases, majorities of Americans are willing to approve of assassinating terrorists and other foreign leaders whom they are convinced threaten the national security of the United States.” The data here generally confirm the shift in opinion. When asked whether they personally would kill bin Laden in the unlikely event that possibility would present itself, the population split: 45 percent yes, and 43 percent no. Men said they would, by 64 to 26 percent. Women would not, 29 to 57 percent.*

- Would you be willing - or not willing - to have the U.S. government do each of the following, if the government thought it were necessary to combat terrorism? How about...?

	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	Willing	Not Willing
Oct. 5-6, 2001			
	Assassinate known terrorists	77	20
	Assassinate leaders of countries that harbor terrorists	52	45

Jan. 7-9, 2005 Gallup/CNN/USA Today

	Willing	Not Willing
Assassinate known terrorists	65	33
Assassinate leaders of countries that harbor terrorists	37	59

- Do you approve or disapprove of President Bush's order last Wednesday night to attack the building where it was believed Saddam Hussein was located?

	Approve	Disapprove
Mar. 25-26, 2003 Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	83	12

- Do you think the United States should attempt to assassinate Saddam Hussein?

	Yes	No
Nov. 28-29, 2001 Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	50	38
Jun. 18-19, 2002 Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	55	32
Feb. 25-26, 2003 Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	42	48

- How effective do you think each of the following would be in preventing terrorist attacks in the future? What about killing suspected terrorist leaders, as Israel does? Would this be very effective, somewhat effective, not too effective, or not at all effective?

		Very Effective	Somewhat Effective	Not Too Effective	Not At All Effective
Sep. 13-14, 2001	PSRA/Newsweek	44	29	10	10
Sep. 20-21, 2001	PSRA/Newsweek	45	30	12	9

- In order to combat international terrorism, please say whether you favor or oppose each of the following measures. The first is assassination of individual terrorist leaders. Do you favor or oppose this measure?

	Favor	Oppose
Sep. 15-17, 2001 Wirthlin Worldwide	76	20

- Currently it is against United States law for the government to seek out and assassinate people in foreign countries who commit terrorist acts in the United States and elsewhere. Do you think this law should be changed so the U.S. government can assassinate people in foreign countries who commit terrorist acts, or should the current law not be changed?

	Change Law	Do Not Change Law
Sep. 13-14, 2001 CBS News/NYT	65	23

- Here are some military actions the U.S. could take once it knows who is responsible for the attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon. Please tell me whether you favor or oppose taking each action against the responsible party: Assassination of leaders responsible for the terrorism.

	Favor	Oppose
Sep. 13, 2001 Harris Interactive	81	16

- Do you think the United States should attempt to assassinate Osama bin Laden?

	Yes	No
Sep. 19-20, 2001 Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	66	23

- President Bush has said that Osama bin Laden is wanted "dead or alive." Would you prefer to see bin Laden assassinated or captured and brought to trial in the U.S.?

	Prefer Assassination	Prefer Trial
Oct. 3-4, 2001 Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	36	51
Nov. 28-29, 2001 Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	43	45
Feb. 26-27, 2002 Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	38	46

- Would you favor or oppose the following measures to curb terrorism...allowing the CIA to conduct assassinations overseas when pursuing suspected enemies of the U.S.?

		Favor	Oppose
Sep. 13-17, 2001	PSRA/Pew Research Center	67	22

- Do you think that the United States should or should not help those who might be able to assassinate Saddam Hussein?

		Should	Should Not
Oct. 18-21, 2002	NBC/WSJ	64	23

NOTE: Asked of registered voters.

- Would you support a cover operation to assassinate individuals overseas who give major financial support to terrorists, or not?

		Support	Oppose
Oct. 11-12, 2001	PSRA/Newsweek	59	35
Dec. 12-13, 2001	PSRA/Newsweek	45	48

- While it is a highly unlikely situation, if you had the opportunity, would you personally kill Usama bin Laden?

		Yes	No
Jun. 26-27, 2002	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	45	43

TORTURE: Majorities of Americans currently do not support the use of torture as a general rule. This, however, does not mean that Americans do not support the use of torture in specific circumstances. Only 29 percent of Americans said that torture was never justified in PSRA/Pew's December 2006-January 2007 poll. Large majorities thought the technique known as "waterboarding" was a form of torture according to CNN/ORC. A smaller majority thought it should not be allowed.

- Do you think/believe that we can fight terrorism without sometimes using torture against suspected terrorists?

		Yes	No
Jun. 2005	Public Agenda	56	39
Jan. 2006	Public Agenda	56	37
Sep. 2006	Public Agenda	54	39
Mar. 2007	Public Agenda	54	40

- Do you think the use of torture against suspected terrorists in order to gain important information can often be justified, sometimes be justified, rarely be justified, or never be justified?

		Often	Sometimes	Rarely	Never
July 8-18, 2004	PSRA/Pew Research Center	15	28	21	32
March 17-27, 2005	PSRA/Pew Research Center	15	30	24	27
Oct. 12-24, 2005	PSRA/Pew Research Center	15	31	17	32
Sep. 21-Oct. 4, 2006	PSRA/Pew Research Center	18	28	19	32
Dec. 2006-Jan. 2007	PSRA/Pew Research Center	12	31	25	29
Feb. 20-24, 2008	PSRA/Pew Research Center	17	31	20	30

- Just your best guess, do you think the United States government as a matter of policy is or is not using torture as part of the U.S. campaign against terrorism?

		Is Using Torture	Is Not Using Torture
May 20-23, 2004	ABC News/Washington Post	51	43
Dec. 15-18, 2005	ABC News/Washington Post	56	39

- Do you favor or oppose allowing the government to use any means necessary, including physical torture, to obtain information from prisoners that might protect the United States from a terrorist attack?

		Favor	Oppose	Depends
March 12-13, 2002	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	41	47	4
March 11-12, 2003	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	44	42	5

- Would you be willing – or not willing – to have the U.S. government do each of the following, if the government thought it was necessary to combat terrorism? How about torture known terrorists if they know details about future terrorist attacks in the U.S.?

		Willing	Not Willing
Oct. 5-6, 2001	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	45	53
Jan. 7-9, 2005	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	39	59

- In a procedure known as “waterboarding,” interrogators produce the sensation of drowning in a restrained prisoner by either dunking him in water or pouring water over his face. Do you consider this procedure to be a form of torture, or not?

		Torture	Not torture
Nov. 2-4, 2007	CNN/ORC	69	29

- In a procedure known as “waterboarding,” interrogator produce the sensation of drowning in a restrained prisoner by either dunking him in water or pouring water over his face. Do you think the U.S. government should or should not be allowed to use this procedure to attempt to get information from suspected terrorists?

		Should allow	Should not
Nov. 2-4, 2007	CNN/ORC	40	58

- This week, Congress approved a new law to deal with how terrorism suspects are treated. This law prevents the United States from using torture to get information from terrorist suspects, allows these suspects to be held indefinitely without being charged of a crime and prevents them from challenging their imprisonment in U.S. courts. Supporters say this is a good law because it protects suspects from being harmed and makes it more likely that U.S. troops will not be harmed if they are captured. Opponents of the law say that it is not a good law because it denies the suspects the constitutional protections that other criminals receive, and compromises some of our most strongly held democratic ideals and our image around the world. In general, do you approve of this new law or do you disapprove of it?

		Approve	Disapprove
Sep. 30-Oct. 2, 2006	NBC/WSJ	43	47

- Do you think that when the United States captures suspected terrorists these prisoners should receive the same legal rights as prisoners of war, or not?

		Yes	No
Jul. 21-24, 2006	NBC/WSJ	52	42

- Would you support the use of torture by the U.S. military or intelligence personnel if it might lead to the prevention of a major terrorist attack, or not?

		Yes, Support	No, Would Not
Nov. 10-11, 2005	PSRA/Newsweek	58	35

- Would you be willing - or not willing - to have the U.S. government torture suspected terrorists if they may know details about future terrorist attacks against the U.S.?

		Yes, willing	No, Not Willing
Nov. 11-13, 2005	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	38	56

- On another subject... Do you think the use of torture against suspected terrorists in order to gain important information can often be justified, can sometimes be justified, can rarely be justified, or can never be justified?

Nov. 10-11, 2005	PSRA/Newsweek	Often 17	Sometimes 27	Rarely 18	Never 33
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- Would you regard the use of torture against people suspected of involvement in terrorism as an acceptable or unacceptable part of the U.S. campaign against terrorism?

Dec. 15-18, 2005	ABC News/Wash Post	Acceptable 32	Unacceptable 64
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- What if the use of torture by the United States makes it more likely that Americans will be tortured by our enemies? Would you support the use of torture under these circumstances?

Nov. 10-11, 2005	PSRA/Newsweek	Yes, Support 36	No, Would Not 57
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- Do you think the recent allegations about the use of torture by the United States have hurt this country's image around the world... A lot, somewhat, not too much, or not at all?

Nov. 10-11, 2005	PSRA/Newsweek	A lot 39	Somewhat 34	Not Too Much 13	Not At All 10
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- Just your best guess, do you think U.S. troops or government officials have - or have not - tortured prisoners in Iraq or other countries?

Nov. 11-13, 2005	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	Yes, Have 74	No, Have Not 20
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- How often are any of the following justified when interrogating suspected terrorists...?

Dec. 2005	Harris Interactive	Often	Sometimes	Never
Rendition, sending prisoners to be interrogated in countries where torture is common		14	41	45
Secret prison camps in Europe or elsewhere		14	46	40
Torture		12	40	48

- In your opinion, how often do the intelligence services of the United States participate in any of the following, when interrogating suspected terrorists?

Dec. 2005	Harris Interactive	Often	Sometimes	Never
Rendition, sending prisoners to be interrogated in countries where torture is common		25	58	18
Secret prison camps in Europe or elsewhere		23	58	19
Torture		17	66	17

- Here is a list of possible interrogation techniques that can be used on prisoners. Do you think it is right or wrong for the United States government to use them on prisoners suspected of having information about possible terrorist attacks against the United States? How about...?

Jan. 7-9, 2005	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	Right	Wrong
Forcing prisoners to remain naked and chained in uncomfortable positions in cold rooms for several hours		18	79
Having female interrogators make physical contact with Muslim men during religious observances that prohibit such contact		12	85
Threatening to transfer prisoners to a country known for torture		35	62

Threatening prisoners with dogs	29	69
Strapping prisoners on boards and forcing their heads underwater until they think they are drowning	16	82
Depriving prisoners of sleep for several days	49	48

- Do you think cases of prisoner mistreatment in Iraq and Guantanamo Bay were mostly the result of misconduct on the part of soldiers and contractors or mostly the result of official policies?

		Mostly Soldiers And Contractors	Mostly Official Policies
Oct. 12-24, 2005	PSRA/Pew Research Center	48	36

- It's been reported that the CIA is holding people suspected of involvement with the Al-Qaeda terrorist group in secret prisons in foreign countries, where U.S. laws do not apply. Would you regard this as an acceptable or unacceptable part of the U.S. campaign against terrorism?

		Acceptable	Unacceptable
Dec. 15-18, 2005	ABC News/Washington Post	53	44

ENEMY COMBATANTS: Immediately after 9/11 and for some time afterwards, the public gave President Bush wide latitude when it came to handling enemy combatants and Guantanamo Bay. Now, the country is more divided. In June 2007, 46 percent of Americans wanted to keep Guantanamo open and 45 percent wanted to close it. Sixty-two percent of Americans also believe that Guantanamo Bay has damaged our image with the rest of the world according to a June 2006 ABC News/Washington Post survey. Thirty-five percent think it has made little or no difference. In February 2008, the Pew Research Center asked whether or not the government's policies toward prisoners at Guantanamo Bay were fair or not. Fifty-two percent said they were while a third called them unfair.

- Suppose Osama bin Laden is captured alive by the U.S., which of the following would be better for the U.S. to do to him -- execute him immediately, or put him on either a civilian or a military trial?

		Execute Him Immediately	Put Him On Trial
Nov. 26-27, 2001	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	35	62

- Suppose Osama bin Laden is captured alive and put on trial, which of the following would you prefer...that he be put on a public trial by an international court with judges from different countries, put on trial by a secret military tribunal by the U.S., or put on a public trial in a regular civilian court in the U.S., or does it make no difference to you?

		International Court	Secret Military Tribunal	Civilian Court	No Difference
Nov. 26-27, 2001	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	41	29	17	11

- When Osama bin Laden or other terrorists are brought to trial, in which court do you think they should be tried?

		World Court	Regular U.S. Court	Military Tribunal
Nov. 28-29, 2001	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	29	22	36

- Do you think suspected terrorists should be tried in a non-public military tribunal, in which the names of the defendants and the evidence is withheld, or should they be tried in the normal justice system?

		Military Tribunals	Normal Justice System
Nov. 28-29, 2001	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	30	57

- Do you think the president has the right to bypass the normal judicial system and ask for a military tribunal for suspected terrorists?

		Yes	No
Nov. 28-29, 2001	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	64	25

- From what you've seen or heard in the news, do you approve or disapprove of the Bush administration's plan to put non-U.S. citizens charged with terrorism on trial in special military tribunals rather than in the regular criminal court system?

		Approve	Disapprove
Nov. 29-30, 2001	PSRA/Newsweek	68	22

- If there are military tribunals for this purpose, do you think they should be conducted...?

		Entirely in Secret	Mostly in Secret	Mostly in Public	Entirely in Public
Nov. 29-30, 2001	PSRA/Newsweek	11	27	28	30

- Do you think civilian judges should have some involvement in these tribunals or that only the military should be involved?

		Civilian Judges Involved	Only Military
Nov. 29-30, 2001	PSRA/Newsweek	42	52

- Do you think these tribunals should be...

		Yes	No
Nov. 29-30, 2001	PSRA/Newsweek		
	Limited to foreign suspects captured during the fighting in Afghanistan	16	74
	Also apply to foreign suspects captured in other places around the world	74	16
	Also apply to foreign suspects within the United States who have arrived here in recent years	46	44
	Also apply to non-U.S. citizens who have lived in this country for many years if they are suspected of terrorism	33	57

- Do you think that non-U.S. citizens who are charged with terrorism should be put on trial in the regular U.S. criminal court system or in a special military tribunal?

		Regular U.S. Criminal Court	Special Military Tribunal
Nov. 27, 2001	ABC News/Wash Post	37	59

- George W. Bush favors the use of special military tribunals. Knowing Bush's position, what do you think -- should non-U.S. citizens who are charged with terrorism be put on trial in the regular U.S. criminal court system or in a special military tribunal?

		Regular U.S. Criminal Court	Special Military Tribunal
Nov. 27, 2001	ABC News/Wash Post	34	64

● Its been proposed that non-U.S. citizens who are charged with terrorism should be put on trial in a special military tribunal, where trials can be closed to the public, with a military judge and jury, and there's no right to appeal. Some people say this would protect ongoing investigations and avoid the use of civilian jurors who may fear for their lives. Others say it would be wrong to let the military conduct closed trials under new rules, and to single out non-citizens this way. Do you think that non-U.S. citizens who are charged with terrorism should be put on trial in the regular U.S. criminal court system or in a special military tribunal?

		Regular U.S. Criminal Court	Special Military Tribunal
Nov. 27, 2001	ABC News/Wash Post	38	58
Jan. 24-27, 2002	ABC News/Wash Post	35	60

● And based on what you've heard, do you favor or oppose military tribunals for non-citizens suspected of terrorism who are arrested inside the United States?

		Favor	Oppose
Nov. 20-25, 2001	NPR/Kaiser/Harvard	64	27

● If military tribunals are used to try non-citizens, do you think people convicted of terrorism by military tribunals should be allowed to appeal their cases to civilian courts or not?

		Yes	No
Nov. 20-25, 2001	NPR/Kaiser/Harvard	31	61

● If military tribunals are used to try non-citizens, do you think that the panel of judges on a military tribunal should be able to sentence someone to death for committing terrorism against the United States or not?

		Yes	No
Nov. 20-25, 2001	NPR/Kaiser/Harvard	68	25

● In the past, the United States has tried suspected murderers in criminal court, requiring a jury, a unanimous verdict, and a civilian judge. Do you think this is the right way to deal with suspected murderers, or not?

		Yes	No
Dec. 7-10, 2001	CBS News/NYT	82	9

● In the past, the United States has tried suspected terrorists in criminal court, requiring a jury, a unanimous verdict, and a civilian judge. Do you think this is the right way to deal with suspected terrorists involved in attacks against the United States, or not?

		Yes	No
Dec. 7-10, 2001	CBS News/NYT	53	37

● Some people say that in order to preserve national security and intelligence and protect jurors, suspected terrorists who are foreigners should be tried in military courts. There would be a military judge and there would not have to be a unanimous verdict. Trials could be held in secret and evidence against the suspect could be kept secret from the defense. Do you think this is the right way to deal with suspected terrorists involved in attacks against the United States, or not?

		Yes	No
Dec. 7-10, 2001	CBS News/NYT	40	51

● When it comes to dealing with people suspected of involvement in terrorist attacks against the United States, which would you prefer trying them in open criminal court with a jury, a unanimous verdict, and a civilian judge, or trying them in a secret military court with a military judge and without a unanimous verdict?

		Criminal Court	Military Court
Dec. 7-10, 2001	CBS News/NYT	50	40
Sep. 15-19, 2006	CBS News/NYT	49	46

- Do you approve or disapprove of the Bush administration's decision to detain people of Middle Eastern origin as possible links to terrorism without disclosing their identities while they are being questioned?

		Approve	Disapprove
Dec. 8-10, 2001	NBC News/WSJ	67	26

- During terrorist investigations in the United States, do you think that rules and regulations that apply to the investigation of U.S. citizens and non-citizens should be the same, or do you think that a different set of rules is acceptable?

		Same Rules	Different Rules
Dec. 8-10, 2001	NBC News/WSJ	41	52

- I'm going to describe two approaches to trying suspected terrorists that are being discussed. Please tell me which approach you would be more likely to favor – using military tribunals, in which there is a limited appeals process and there are special rules that can allow evidence and witnesses to be kept secret from the public, or using a courts martial process, in which there is an appeals process and the trial is open to the public?

		Military Tribunals	Courts Martial
Dec. 8-10, 2001	NBC News/WSJ	49	41

- Suppose Osama bin Laden is captured alive and put on trial by the U.S. would you rather see that happen in a regular court of law in which evidence would be presented in a public trial or a military tribunal in which U.S. officers would examine evidence in secret hearings?

		Regular Court	Military Tribunal
Dec. 14-16, 2001	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	41	54

- Suppose Osama bin Laden is captured alive and put on trial, do you think he should be tried by an international court or by U.S. authorities?

		International Court	U.S. Authorities
Dec. 14-16, 2001	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	59	37

- Some people say that suspected terrorists should be tried in military courts with a military judge and without a unanimous jury verdict in order to preserve national security and protect jurors. Other people say this violates the U.S. Constitution, and that suspected terrorists should be tried in criminal court with a civilian judge and a unanimous jury verdict. Which would you prefer, trying suspected terrorists in a military court, or trying them in a criminal court?

		Military Court	Criminal Court
Jun. 18-20, 2002	CBS News	57	36

Guantanamo Bay

- As you may know, the U.S. government is holding a number of detainees at a military base in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. In your opinion, are the government's policies toward these prisoners fair or unfair?

		Fair	Unfair	Don't know
Feb. 20-24, 2008	PSRA/Pew Research Center	52	33	15

- As you may know, for the past five years the United States has been holding a number of suspected terrorists at the U.S. military prison in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. Based on what you have heard or read, do you think the U.S. should continue to operate the prison, or do you think the U.S. should close the prison and transfer the prisoners somewhere else?

		Continue	Close
Jul. 21-25, 2006	CBS News/NYT	51	34
Jun. 22-24, 2007	CNN/ORC	46	45

- Do you think the military prison at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba should be closed and the prisoners transferred to other facilities, or should the military prison remain open?

		Closed	Open
Jul. 28-Aug. 1, 2006	LA Times/Bloomberg	18	68

- Do you think the U.S. detainment of suspected terrorists at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba has damaged the United States' image with the rest of the world?

		Damaged	Not damaged
Jul. 28-Aug. 1, 2006	LA Times/Bloomberg	54	39

- When it comes to the treatment of prisoners of war, should the United States follow the international agreements that it and other countries have agreed to, or should that U.S. do what it thinks is right, even if other countries disagree?

		Should Follow	Do what it thinks is right
Jul. 21-25, 2006	CBS News/NYT	72	25

- Do you think that the U.S. does or does not imprison people who are not suspected of having any involvement in terrorism, but who it suspects might have useful information about a terrorist group?

		Does	Does Not
Jun. 27-Jul. 2, 2006	PIPA	72	24

- Is it your impression that current U.S. policies for detaining people it has captured and is holding in Guantanamo Bay are or are not legal, according to international treaties on the treatment of detainees?

		Are legal	Are not legal
Jun. 27-Jul. 2, 2006	PIPA	52	38

- Do you think that the rules for treating someone who is being detained because they are suspected of terrorist activities should or should not be the same for citizens and non-citizens?

		Same	Not the Same
Jun. 27-Jul. 2, 2006	PIPA	63	33

- As you may know, the U.S. participates in the UN Commission on Human Rights, which reviews human rights standards in various countries including the U.S. Recently, the commission evaluated how the U.S. treats detainees at Guantanamo Bay and determined that the U.S. has held certain individuals for interrogation for several years without charging them with a crime, contrary to international conventions. Do you think the U.S. should or should not change this practice according to the prescriptions of the U.N. Commission on Human Rights?

		Should change	Should not
Apr. 2006	PIPA	63	30
Jun. 27-Jul. 2, 2006	PIPA	61	31

- How confident are you that the United States is adequately protecting the rights of prisoners being held at Guantanamo—very confident, somewhat confident, not too confident, not confident at all?

		Confident	Not confident
Jun. 2005	ABC News/Wash Post	60	37
Jun. 2006	ABC News/Wash Post	67	31

- Do you think holding prisoners at the Guantanamo Bay military prison has or has not _____?

Jun. 2006	ABC News/Wash Post	Has	Has not
	Damaged the United States' image in the rest of the world	62	35
	Made the United States safer from terrorism	51	45

- Do you support or oppose the federal government holding suspected terrorists without trial at the U.S. military prison in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba?

		Support	Oppose
Sep. 2003	ABC News/Wash Post	65	28
Jun. 2006	ABC News/Wash Post	57	37

- Some people say these prisoners should be given prisoner-of-war rights or charged with a crime so they can defend themselves at a trial. Others say P.O.W. status or criminal law don't apply to suspected terrorists because of the risk if they were released. What's your opinion—do you think the prisoners at Guantanamo should be given P.O.W. status or charged with a crime, or should be held without charges indefinitely?

		P.O.W. status and charged	Held without charges Indefinitely
Jun. 2006	ABC News/Wash Post	71	25

- Do you think it is fair or unfair to hold those accused of being Taliban and Al Qaeda terrorists at Guantanamo Bay military base without charging or trying them?

		Fair	Unfair
Jun. 27-28, 2006	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	43	44

- Do you think the United States should honor its international treaty commitments to other countries, even if that means releasing dangerous enemy fighters from Guantanamo Bay?

		Yes	No
Jun. 27-28, 2006	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	29	54

- Do you think the United States is safer because of information from the prisoners being held at Guantanamo Bay?

		Yes	No
Jun. 27-28, 2006	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	48	36

- As you may know, some of our European allies have criticized the way the Taliban and al Qaida prisoners being detained at the Guantanamo military bases have been treated. Do you think the United States has not treated them properly and should make changes, has them properly but should more closely follow the Geneva Conventions to keep European support, or has treated them properly and should not make changes?

		Has Not Treated Them Properly	Should More Closely Follow Conventions	Has Treated Them Properly
Jan. 31-Feb. 1, 2002	PSRA/Newsweek	6	32	55

- Based on what you know, do you think the prison conditions at Guantanamo military base are acceptable or unacceptable?

		Acceptable	Unacceptable
Jul. 9-10, 2002	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	67	8

- Do you think the military prison at Guantanamo Bay should be closed or not?

		Yes	No
Jun. 14-15, 2005	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	22	59

- Based on what you know, do you think the prison conditions at Guantanamo Bay military base meet accepted standards for treating prisoners or fail to meet those standards?

		Acceptable	Fail To Meet Standards
Jun. 14-15, 2005	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	43	33

- Do you think these reports of prisoner mistreatment represent isolated incidents, or do you think they represent a wider pattern of prisoner mistreatment?

		Isolated	Wider Pattern
Jun. 8-12, 2005	Pew Research	54	34

- As you may know, since 2001, the United States has held people from other countries who are suspected of being terrorists at a detention facility in Guantanamo Bay in Cuba. Based on what you have heard or read, do you think the U.S. should – continue to operate this facility (or do you think the U.S. should) close this facility and transfer the prisoners to other facilities?

		Continue to Operate	Close Facility
Jun. 16-19, 2005	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	58	36

- In general, do you approve or disapprove of the way the U.S. is treating the prisoners being held at Guantanamo Bay in Cuba? Do you approve strongly or not strongly?

		Approve Strongly	Approve Not Strongly	Disapprove Not Strongly	Disapprove Strongly
Jun. 16-19, 2005	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	33	19	14	23

PREEMPTIVE STRIKES: REACTIONS TO THE BUSH DOCTRINE: In his commencement address at West Point on June 1, 2002 President Bush said that the nation needed to “be ready for preemptive action when necessary to defend our liberty and to defend our lives.” Since that speech, pollsters have explored public support for preemptive action. The results are shown below. PSRA/Pew’s December 2006-January 2007 poll found that 55 percent of those surveyed said that using military force against countries that seriously threaten our country but have not attacked us can be often or sometimes justified.

- Do you think that using military force against countries that may seriously threaten our country, but have not attacked us, can often be justified, sometimes be justified, rarely be justified, or never be justified?

		Often	Sometimes	Rarely	Never
Apr. 30-May 4, 2003	PSRA/Pew Research Center	22	45	17	13
July 14-Aug. 5, 2003	PSRA/Pew Research Center	20	43	19	13
July 8-18, 2004	PSRA/Pew Research Center	20	40	22	14
Dec. 1-16, 2004	PSRA/Pew Research Center	14	46	21	14
Oct. 12-24, 2005	PSRA/Pew Research Center	14	38	27	15
Dec. 2006-Jan. 2007	PSRA/Pew Research Center	16	39	24	17

- Which comes closer to your opinion? 1. The United States should not attack another country unless that country has attacked the United States first, or 2. The United States should be able to attack any country it thinks might attack the United States?

		Should Be Able To Attack First	Should Not Be Able To Attack First
Sep. 2-5, 2002	CBS News/NYT	41	47
Sep. 22-23, 2002	CBS News	43	44
Oct. 3-5, 2002	CBS News/NYT	43	44
Mar. 21-22, 2003	CBS News/NYT	52	40

Apr. 11-13, 2003	CBS News/NYT	47	40
Jan. 12-15, 2004	CBS News/NYT	32	58
July 11-15, 2004	CBS News/NYT	33	60

- Which comes closer to your opinion on what the United States policy should be after the war with Iraq? 1. The United States should not attack another country unless that country has attacked the United States first, or 2. The United States should be able to attack any country it thinks might attack the United States?

		Should Be Able To Attack First	Should Not Be Able To Attack First
Apr. 11-13, 2003	CBS News/NYT	38	51
Apr. 26-27, 2003	CBS News	42	50
May 27-28, 2003	CBS News	39	53
Jul. 8-9, 2003	CBS News	33	58
Sep. 28-Oct. 1, 2003	CBS News/NYT	35	55

- If another nation seriously threatened to use nuclear weapons against the U.S., would the U.S. be justified in using nuclear weapons first, or don't you think this would be justified?

		Yes, Justified	No, Not Justified
Oct. 12-24, 2005	PSRA/Pew Research Center	46	43

- Which comes closer to your opinion? 1. One country should not be able to attack another country unless that country is attacked first, or 2: One country should be able to attack any country it thinks will attack first?

		Should Be Able To Attack First	Should Not Be Able To Attack First
Oct. 3-5, 2002	CBS News/NYT	33	56
Mar. 21-22, 2003	CBS News/NYT	45	39

- Which comes closer to your opinion? 1. The United States should not attack Iraq unless Iraq has attacked the United States first, or 2. The United States should be able to attack Iraq if it thinks Iraq might attack the United States?

		Should Be Able To Attack Iraq	Should Not Attack Iraq
Sep. 2-5, 2002	CBS News/NYT	61	26
Sep. 22-23, 2002	CBS News	58	32

- Do you think the United States' policy should be to attack groups and countries if we have evidence that they are preparing to commit terrorist acts, or to not attack any country or group until they actually commit a terrorist act?

		Should Attack	Should Not Attack
Sep. 3-5, 2002	NBC/WSJ	67	22
Oct. 18-21, 2002*	NBC/WSJ	52	31

NOTE: *Asked of registered voters.

- If the United States were to use weapons of mass destruction, such as nuclear weapons, on a "first strike" basis, would you trust the government to decide when to make a first strike or would you want the government to give proof, in advance, that a first strike was really necessary?

		Trust Without Proof	Want Proof
Jun. 26-27, 2002	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	37	50

- One way of protecting the U.S. is to make sure our enemies know they would be destroyed if they attacked the U.S. How effective do you think this is as a way of protecting the U.S.?

		Very Effective	Somewhat Effective	Not Too Effective	Not At All
Jun. 19-23, 2002	PSRA/Pew Research Center	36	38	15	8

- One way of protecting the U.S. is to attack potential enemies first if we think it is likely they will attack us. How effective do you think this is as a way of protecting the U.S.?

		Very Effective	Somewhat Effective	Not Too Effective	Not At All
Jun. 19-23, 2002	PSRA/Pew Research Center	24	39	18	15

- All in all, which way of protecting the U.S. do you favor most...making sure our enemies know that they would be destroyed if they attack us, or attacking our enemies first if we think it is likely they will attack us?

		Making Sure Enemies Know	Attack Enemies First
Jun. 19-23, 2002	PSRA/Pew Research Center	66	25

- Next, I'd like you to think about some situations in which a country has not attacked the United States, but is considered a threat. For each of the following situations, please tell me whether you would favor or oppose the United States using military action against the country if there was strong evidence that...

		Justified	Not Justified	Favor	Oppose
Jun. 21-23, 2002	Gallup/CNN/USA Today				
	The country was aiding terrorists who were making plans to attack the U.S.	87	12	82	15
	The country was planning to attack the U.S. in the future	81	18	82	15
	The country was an enemy and was developing chemical/biological weapons	79	19	77	19
	The country was an enemy and was developing nuclear weapons	75	23	72	22

- In general, do you think the U.S. has the right to try to weaken or overthrow governments that it believes pose a threat to the United States, or not?

		Does	Does Not
Aug. 6-7, 2002	CBS News	57	33

- In general, do you think the U.S. has a right to try to weaken or overthrow governments that are unfriendly to the United States, or not?

		Does	Does Not
Aug. 6-7, 2002	CBS News	31	55

- Now I'm going to read a few different scenarios, and for each one, please tell me if you would support a US attempt at regime change. Okay... How about: When a country directly attacks a US ally? Would you support a US attempt at regime change?

		Yes	No
Oct. 7-13, 2002	TIPP/IBD-CSM	74	16

● Now I'm going to read a few different scenarios, and for each one, please tell me if you would support a US attempt at regime change. How about: When a country directly attacks the United States? Would you support a US attempt at a regime change?

		Yes	No
Oct. 7-13, 2002	TIPP/IBD-CSM	91	6

● How about: When a country is known to support terrorism? Would you support a US attempt at a regime change?

		Yes	No
Oct. 7-13, 2002	TIPP/IBD-CSM	70	24

● How about: When a country has the capability and apparent intent to harm the US? Would you support a US attempt at regime change?

		Yes	No
Oct. 7-13, 2002	TIPP/IBD-CSM	78	15

● How about: When a country is led by a dictator? Would you support a US attempt at regime change?

		Yes	No
Oct. 7-13, 2002	TIPP/IBD-CSM	35	56

● Which comes closest to your view, the United States should attack nations that harbor terrorists or have weapons of mass destruction even if these countries have not attacked the U.S. first; or, the United States should not attack nations that have not attacked it first even if they harbor terrorists or have weapons of mass destruction?

		Should Attack	Should Not Attack
Dec. 17-18, 2002	Harris Interactive	43	46

● Finally, do you think that using military force to remove dictators of countries that may threaten the United States, but have not attacked us, is usually the right thing to do, sometimes the right thing to do, rarely the right thing to do, or never the right thing to do?

		Usually Right	Sometimes Right	Rarely Right	Never Right
Apr. 8-9, 2003	PSRA/Pew Research Center	15	51	20	10

● The United States's decision to go to war against Iraq represents a change of military policy from one in which we respond to military actions by hostile countries to one in which we initiate military action when there is a threat of hostility. Do you agree or disagree with this new military policy?

		Agree	Disagree
Apr. 12-13, 2003	NBC/WSJ	63	25
Jul. 26-28, 2003	NBC/WSJ	55	36

TRUST IN GOVERNMENT AFTER 9/11: As the data below show, trust in the government in Washington to do what is right turned up after 9/11, but it's not clear what exactly that meant. Two questions asked by ABC News in early January 2002 suggest the uptick was limited to national security and the war on terrorism. Since then, the "trust in government" numbers have returned to pre-9/11 levels.

Writing in the January/February 2002 issue of the Public Perspective, David Moore of the Gallup Organization argued that journalists and academics have relied too much on the "trust in government" question, first asked nationally by the University of Michigan in 1958. They have never demonstrated that a decline in trust in Washington in the past quarter century represented a threat to the American democracy, he says. Further, he argues, "It is not clear that this resurgence of trust means very much for democracy."

- How much confidence do you have in the ability of the U.S. government to prevent further terrorist attacks against Americans in this country: a great deal, a good amount, only a fair amount, or none at all?

		Great Deal	Good Amount	Fair Amount	None
Sep. 11, 2001	ABC News/Wash Post	35	31	30	2
Nov. 5-6, 2001	ABC News/Wash Post	17	35	40	7
Nov. 27, 2001	ABC News/Wash Post	24	39	32	5
Jan. 24-27, 2002	ABC News/Wash Post	18	40	37	6
Mar. 7-10, 2002	ABC News/Wash Post	18	38	39	5
May 18-19, 2002	ABC News/Wash Post	17	29	42	10
Jun. 7-9, 2002	ABC News/Wash Post	14	30	44	11
Jul. 11-15, 2002	ABC News/Wash Post	13	33	45	9
Sep. 5-8, 2002	ABC News	12	38	43	6
Sep. 4-7, 2003	ABC News	14	31	48	7
Jan. 15-18, 2004	ABC News/Wash Post	19	36	34	10
Apr. 15-18, 2004	ABC News/Wash Post	15	33	42	9
Sept. 6-8, 2004	ABC News/Wash Post	16	35	39	8
Aug. 18-21, 2005	ABC News/Wash Post	14	28	43	15
Sept. 8-11, 2005	ABC News/Wash Post	14	27	41	18
Jan. 23-26, 2006	ABC News/Wash Post	19	31	39	11
Sep. 5-7, 2006	ABC News	15	31	43	10
Sep. 4-7, 2007	ABC News/Wash Post	15	34	40	10

- How much of the time do you think you can trust the government in Washington to do what is right - just about always, most of the time, or only some of the time?

		Just About Always	Most of the Time	Some of the Time	Never (Vol.)
Jan. 3-4, 1999	CBS News	4	30	64	2
Sep. 14-18, 1999	CBS News/NYT	4	34	59	2
Oct. 3-4, 1999	CBS News/NYT	3	27	66	4
Oct. 29-31, 2000	CBS News/NYT	5	35	57	2
Jan. 15-17, 2001	CBS News/NYT	3	28	64	3
Oct. 25-28, 2001	CBS News/NYT	10	45	42	2
Dec. 7-10, 2001	CBS News/NYT	5	42	49	2
Jan. 21-25, 2002	CBS News/NYT	5	41	51	2
Jul. 13-16, 2002	CBS News/NYT	5	33	57	4
Sep. 2-5, 2002	CBS News/NYT	5	33	57	4
Jul. 13-27, 2003	CBS News/NYT	4	32	60	3
Jul. 11-15, 2004	CBS News/NYT	4	36	56	3

Sep. 9-13, 2005	CBS News/NYT	3	26	63	6
Dec. 3-6, 2005	CBS News/NYT	2	30	65	2
Jan. 20-25, 2006	CBS News/NYT	5	27	63	4
Sep. 15-19, 2006	CBS News/NYT	1	26	65	6
Oct. 5-7, 2006	CBS News/NYT	2	26	66	4
Jul. 9-17, 2007	CBS News/NYT	2	22	71	5

● How much of the time do you think you can trust the government in Washington to do what is right - just about always, most of the time, or only some of the time?

		Just About Always	Most of the Time	Some of the Time	Never (Vol.)
Feb. 4-8, 1999	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	5	29	64	2
Jul. 6-9, 2000	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	4	38	56	2
Oct. 5-6, 2001	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	13	47	38	1
Jun. 17-19, 2002	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	6	39	51	3
Sep. 2-4, 2002	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	8	38	52	2
Oct. 24-26, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	4	33	58	4
Jun. 16-19, 2005	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	4	26	65	5
Jan. 6-8, 2006	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	4	28	64	3

● How much of the time do you think you can trust the government in Washington to do what is right - just about always, most of the time, or only some of the time?

		Just About Always	Most of the Time	Some of the Time	Never (Vol.)
Feb. 12-14, 1999	Wash Post	3	29	63	4
Mar. 30-Apr. 2, 2000	ABC News/Wash Post	4	26	64	5
Sep. 25-27, 2001	Wash Post	13	51	35	1
Sep. 3-6, 2002	Wash Post	6	34	59	2

● How much of the time do you think you can trust the government in Washington to do what's right - just about always, most of the time, or only some of the time?

		About Always	Most of the Time	Only Some of the Time	Never
Aug. 31-Sep. 1, 1994	Yankelovich	2	17	72	9
Dec. 19-20, 2001*	Harris Interactive	8	41	48	2

NOTE: *Question wording was, "trust the government to do what is right."

● How much of the time do you think you can trust the government in Washington to do what is right - just about always, most of the time, or only some of the time, or hardly ever?

		Just About Always	Most of the Time	Some of the Time	Hardly Ever
Mar. 3-5, 2001	L.A. Times	3	26	51	18
Nov. 10-13, 2001	L.A. Times	6	43	42	8
Aug. 22-25, 2002	L.A. Times	6	33	51	10

● How much of the time do you think you can trust the government in Washington to do what is right - just about always, most of the time, or only some of the time?

		Just About Always	Most of the Time	Some of the Time	Never (Vol.)
Jun. 18-Jul. 18, 2001	PSRA/Brookings	4	25	66	4
Sep. 27-Oct. 6, 2001	PSRA/Brookings	15	42	39	2
May 2-12, 2002	PSRA/Brookings	8	32	53	4

- In general, how much do you trust the following organizations. First, what about the federal government in Washington?

		Great Deal	Fair Amount	Not too Much	Not at All
Jun. 18-Jul. 18, 2001	PSRA/Brookings	7	56	29	7
Sep. 27-Oct. 6, 2001	PSRA/Brookings	17	63	16	4

- When it comes to handling national security and the war on terrorism, how much of the time do you think you can trust the government in Washington to do what is right? Would you say just about always, most of the time, or only some of the time?

		Just About Always	Most Of The Time	Some Of The Time	Never (Vol.)
Jan. 9-13, 2002	ABC News	22	47	28	2

- Do you think the United States government did all it reasonably could do to try to prevent the September 11th terrorist attacks, or do you think it could have done more?

		Did All It Could	Could Have Done More
Sep. 11, 2001	ABC News/Wash Post	43	44
Sep. 13, 2001	ABC News/Wash Post	31	65
May 18-19, 2002	ABC News	43	53

- When it comes to handling social issues like the economy, health care, Social Security, education, how much of the time do you trust the government in Washington to do what is right? Would you say just about always, most of the time, or only some of the time?

		Just About Always	Most Of The Time	Some Of The Time	Never (Vol.)
Jan. 9-13, 2002	ABC News	6	32	56	5

VIEWS ON INVESTIGATIONS INTO THE 9/11 ATTACKS: *Questions asked by NBC News/Wall Street Journal, ABC News, and CBS News interviewers present different pictures of public reaction to issues surrounding U.S. intelligence and the terrorist attacks. Around 20 percent in September 2001 and May 2002 placed a great deal of blame for the terrorist attacks on the CIA and the FBI; fewer than 10 percent blamed the Bush administration. In June 2004, the proportion blaming the administration had risen to 17 percent. A question asked in May and June of 2004 by NBC News/Wall Street Journal interviewers, 58 and 50 percent respectively said the Bush administration did all it could to prevent the attacks.*

In September 2001, 57 percent told Harris Interactive interviewers that the government should investigate whether the CIA and other government agencies could have prevented the attacks; in May 2002, 68 percent told PSRA/Newsweek interviewers that it was in the national interest for Congress to investigate intelligence failures of the CIA and FBI in connection with 9/11. In a May 2002 CBS News question, 36 percent said Congress should hold hearings to investigate what the White House knew; 41 percent said this wasn't necessary.

- From what you know, do you think that the Bush Administration did all that could reasonably be expected to prevent the September eleventh terrorist attacks, or do you think that the Administration should have done more?

		Did All It Could	Could Have Done More
May 1-3, 2004	NBC/WSJ	58	36
June 25-28, 2004	NBC/WSJ	50	43

- Based on what you know now, do you believe that the attacks of September 11th represented a failure of the American intelligence and security systems, or do you believe that these attacks were beyond what was reasonable to expect the American intelligence and security systems to uncover?

		Failure Of Intelligence Systems	Beyond What Is Reasonable To Expect
Sep. 12, 2001	NBC News/WSJ	41	49
Sep. 15-16, 2001	NBC News/WSJ	47	45
May 18, 2002	NBC News/WSJ	42	50
Jun. 8-10, 2002	NBC News/WSJ	45	49

- Some people have said that the September 11th terrorist attacks against the World Trade Center and the Pentagon represent the biggest failure for American intelligence operations since Pearl Harbor. Do you think that these attacks were something that government intelligence agencies should have been able to discover in advance?

		Yes	No
Sep. 11-12, 2002	CBS News/NYT	55	29
May 19-20, 2002	CBS News/NYT	54	36

- Overall, how much do you blame each of the following for the terrorist attacks this past Tuesday – a great deal, a moderate amount, only a little, or not at all? How about...?

Gallup/CNN/USA Today		Great Deal	Moderate Amount	Only A Little	Not At All
Clinton Administration					
	Sep. 14-15, 2001	16	29	18	34
	June 21-23, 2004	13	27	24	34
	Aug. 30-Sep. 2, 2006	19	22	21	36
Bush Administration					
	Sep. 14-15, 2001	9	25	20	44
	May 16, 2002*	7	22	26	43
	June 7-8, 2002	9	23	26	40
	June 21-23, 2004	17	25	23	34
	Aug. 30-Sep. 2, 2006	23	22	19	35
CIA					
	Sep. 14-15, 2001	22	37	20	18
	May 16, 2002*	19	30	27	18
FBI					
	Sep. 14-15, 2001	18	34	24	22
	May 16, 2002*	16	29	24	27

NOTE: *Question wording was, “each of the following for the September 11th terrorist attacks...?”

- Now, do you think it is in the national interest for Congress to investigate intelligence failures of the CIA and FBI in connection with the September 11th terrorist attacks, or would such a public investigation at this time not be in the national interest?

		Yes, National Interest	No, Not National Interest
May 16-17, 2002	PSRA/Newsweek	68	24

- Do you think the federal government should or should not conduct an investigation into whether the CIA or other government agencies could have prevented the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and Pentagon?

		Should Investigate	Should Not Investigate
Sep. 27, 2001	Harris Interactive	57	40

- Do you think that there should be a full-scale investigation into the handling of intelligence before September 11th, or do you feel that this would be unproductive and too political?

		Should Be An Investigation	Investigation Would Be Unproductive/Too Political
May 18, 2002	NBC News/WSJ	36	58

- As you may know, the Bush administration said today that it was aware before September 11 that Osama bin Laden's terrorist organization had plans to hijack U.S. airplanes. However, the administration was not aware that the airplanes would be used to blow up buildings, and they were not aware of a specific date or location of attack. Do you think there should or should not be a Congressional investigation into the fact that the Bush administration did not release this information sooner?

		Should Investigate	Should Not Investigate
May 16, 2002	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	43	55

- Do you think the U.S. Congress should or should not conduct an investigation into what the Bush administration knew about the terrorist attacks before September 11th, and how it handled that intelligence?

		Should Investigate	Should Not Investigate
May 18-19, 2002	ABC News	56	41

- Do you think Congress should hold hearings to investigate what the White House knew about possible terrorist attacks, or don't you think that is necessary?

		Hold Hearings	Not Necessary
May 19-20, 2002	CBS News	36	41

- When you think about the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon on September 11, 2001, do you place a lot of blame, some blame, or no blame at all on the United States intelligence agencies like the CIA and FBI - a lot, some, or none at all?

		A Lot	Some	None
Sep. 2-5, 2002	PSRA/Newsweek	24	50	24
Jul. 24-25, 2003	PSRA/Newsweek	19	53	23

- Do you think the government had information before September 11, 2001 that could have prevented the terrorist attacks against the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, or didn't they have that information?

		Had Information	Did Not Have Information
Dec. 21-22, 2003	CBS News	51	37

- Does it sound to you like these intelligence reports were detailed enough for the government to have taken specific action to increase security, or do you think these reports were too vague for the government to know what action to take?

		Detailed	Vague
May 19, 2002	ABC News/Wash Post	32	56
Apr. 15-18, 2004	ABC News/Wash Post	32	62

- Compared to the way it handled intelligence reports about terrorist threats before September 11th, do you think the Bush administration is now doing a better job handling intelligence about terrorist threats, a worse job, or what?

		Better	Worse	Same (Vol.)
May 19, 2002*	ABC News/Wash Post	82	3	6
Apr. 15-18, 2004	ABC News/Wash Post	81	8	8

NOTE: *Question wording, “terrorist threats last summer.”

- Do you think—Bill Clinton/George W. Bush— does or does not bear any personal responsibility for not doing more to prevent the September 11th terrorist attacks?

Apr. 15-18, 2004	ABC News/Wash Post	Responsible	Not Responsible
	Bill Clinton	52	44
	George W. Bush	50	47

Historical Trends on the FBI and CIA

- Please tell me your overall opinion of each organization. Is it favorable, mostly favorable, mostly unfavorable or very unfavorable?

PSRA/Newsweek		Very Favorable	Mostly Favorable	Mostly Unfavorable	Very Unfavorable
CIA					
	Oct. 31-Nov. 10, 1991*	8	42	26	9
	May 15-18, 1997*	4	35	23	10
	Feb. 19-22, 1998*	7	44	25	7
	Sep. 13-14, 2001	28	44	9	6
	May 16-17, 2002	20	46	12	8
FBI					
	Aug. 17-20, 1995*	16	48	19	9
	May 15-18, 1997*	12	48	21	7
	Sep. 25-Oct. 31, 1997*	13	54	17	8
	Jun. 9-13, 1999*	17	54	13	7
	July 2-12, 2001*	16	45	29	9
	Sep. 13-14, 2001	37	48	8	3
	May 16-17, 2002	27	47	12	7

NOTE: *PSRA/Pew Research Center.

- We’d like to know your overall opinion of the Central Intelligence Agency, also known as the CIA. Is your opinion of the CIA very favorable, mostly favorable, mostly unfavorable, or very unfavorable?

		Very Favorable	Mostly Favorable	Mostly Unfavorable	Very Unfavorable
Jun. 1985	Gallup	7	43	23	10
Jul. 1986	Gallup	7	43	18	6
Apr. 1987	Gallup	5	35	35	11
Feb. 1994	Gallup	8	40	31	13

- Is your opinion of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (the FBI) favorable, not favorable, undecided, or haven’t you heard enough about the F.B.I. to say?

		Favorable	Not Favorable	Haven’t Heard
Oct. 3-4, 1999	CBS News	43	18	8
Apr. 15-17, 2000	CBS News	43	10	19
May 10-12, 2001	CBS News	24	25	30
June 9, 2001	CBS News	37	19	18

May 19-20, 2002

CBS News

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● Next, I'd like your overall opinion of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, or FBI. If you have a favorable opinion of the FBI, choose a number between plus one and plus five – the higher the number, the more favorable your opinion – with plus five being the most favorable. If you have an unfavorable opinion of the FBI, choose a number between minus one and minus five, with minus five being the most unfavorable.

		Very Favorable	Favorable	Very Unfavorable	Unfavorable
Nov. 18-23, 1965+	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	84	12	*	*
Jul. 6-9, 1973+	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	52	33	7	4
Oct. 31-Nov. 3, 1975+	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	37	43	11	5
Jul. 10-11, 2001	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	27	44	16	8
May 28-29, 2002	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	24	44	18	10

NOTE: Scale is Very Favorable (+5, +4) Favorable (+3, +2, +1), Unfavorable (-1, -2, -3) Very Unfavorable (-4, -5).
+Question wording was, "Here is an interesting experiment. You notice that the boxes on this card go from the highest position to plus 5 – or something you like very much – all the way down to the lowest position to a minus 5 – or something you dislike very much. How far up the scale or how far down the scale would you rate the following organizations? How about the FBI?"

● Now let me ask you about a few specific federal agencies. Is your opinion of them highly favorable, moderately favorable, not too favorable, or rather unfavorable?

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		Highly Favorable	Moderately Favorable	Not Too Favorable	Rather Unfavorable
CIA					
	Aug. 1983	15	38	24	9
	Aug. 1984	17	41	22	8
	Aug. 1985	15	38	22	11
	Aug. 1987	12	40	29	9
	Aug. 1988	15	46	17	7
	Aug. 1989	16	43	23	7
	Aug. 1990	12	41	20	8
	Aug. 1991	7	36	23	13
	Sep. 1993	8	39	21	12
	Aug. 1994	7	36	22	13
	Aug. 1995	6	38	23	12
	Jul. 1996	11	40	25	16
	Jul. 1997	7	37	25	13
	Jul. 1999	11	39	23	11
	Jul. 2000	13	38	19	9
	Jul. 2001	12	37	25	8
FBI					
	Aug. 1983	29	46	14	5
	Aug. 1984	30	47	14	5
	Aug. 1985	24	48	15	5
	Aug. 1987	28	50	14	3
	Aug. 1988	24	51	14	3
	Aug. 1989	32	45	13	4
	Aug. 1990	22	47	17	5
	Aug. 1991	19	45	15	8
	Sep. 1993	13	46	19	10
	Aug. 1994	12	49	17	8
	Aug. 1995	12	47	19	11
	Jul. 1996	16	47	19	6

Jul. 1997	13	50	17	9
Jul. 1999	21	45	17	7
Jul. 2000	19	49	13	7
Jul. 2001	14	45	23	8

- I will read you a list of federal government agencies. Please say for each if you understand what it is and does, or not.

Harris Interactive

FBI	Understand	DHS	Understand
Sept. 2001	96	Oct. 2003	81
Oct. 2003	97	Oct. 2004	86
Oct. 2004	96	Oct. 2007	82
Jan. 2007	93		
CIA			
Sept. 2001	87		
Oct.. 2003	87		
Oct. 2004	91		
Jan. 2007	87		

- Overall how would you rate the job...does – excellent, pretty good, only fair, or poor?

Harris Interactive

	Excellent	Pretty Good	Only Fair	Poor
CIA				
Sept. 19-24, 2001	13	45	28	11
Oct. 2003	8	49	35	9
Oct. 2004	8	45	36	11
Jan. 2007	11	50	31	8
FBI				
Sept. 19-24, 2001	19	50	23	7
Oct . 2003	11	58	26	5
Oct . 2004	11	54	29	7
Jan. 2007	16	58	23	3
DHS				
Oct. 2003	8	47	30	14
Oct. 2004	12	48	28	13
Jan. 2007	11	44	31	13

CLARKE, CONDI AND THE 9/11 COMMISSION: In polls conducted after 9/11 and in the spring of 2002, two things stood out. First, Americans wanted to know how the terrorist attacks happened, and second, they also feared that a commission or congressional investigation could become too political and counterproductive (see “Views on Investigations into the 9/11 Attacks” section of this document). Americans weren’t in the mood to assign blame. In the spring of 2004, roughly equal numbers in new polls said the Clinton and Bush administrations could have done more to prevent the terrorist attacks (71 percent for the Clinton administration, 67 percent for the Bush administration in a CBS News poll); slightly more said the FBI and CIA could have done more (79 percent). The hearings did not appear to have altered views about how President Bush was handling his job as president. Some polls showed a decline in the president’s handling of the issue of terrorism, others did not (see “President Bush’s Ratings” section of this document) around the time of the hearings. A poll taken by the Pew Research Center in early April 2004 showed that people were paying closer attention to higher gas prices than they were to the 9/11 Commission hearings. In poll questions after Richard Clarke’s testimony, people questioned his motivations. Condoleezza Rice has a better favorable to unfavorable ratio than either President Bush or Senator Kerry. In late July 2004 polling by Gallup, 37 percent said they approved of the 9/11 Commission’s report, around 10 percent disapproved, and about 50 percent said they hadn’t heard enough to have an opinion. A Pew poll from August 2004 shows 62 percent approved of the job the Commission had been doing.

Attention Paid

● Now I will read a list of some stories covered by news organizations this past month. As I read each item, tell me if you happened to follow this news story very closely, fairly closely, not too closely, or not at all closely - the high price of gasoline these days, recent attacks on U.S. civilians and troops in Iraq, the September 11 Commission’s hearings on the 2001 terrorist attacks, or former White House aide Richard Clarke’s criticism of the Bush administration for mishandling the war on terrorism?

		Gas Prices	Attacks On Troops/Civilians	9/11 Hearings	Clarke’s Criticisms
Apr. 1-4, 2004	PSRA/Pew Research Center	58	36	29	28

● How closely have you been following news about the hearings in Washington investigating the terrorist attacks on September 11th, 2001? Have you been following it very closely, somewhat closely, not too closely, or not at all?

		Very Closely	Somewhat Closely	Not Too Closely	Not At All
Apr. 8, 2004	CBS News	16	45	25	14

NOTE: Poll is re-interview of individuals surveyed from Mar. 30-Apr. 1, 2004.

● Retired national security official Richard Clarke recently released a book in which he criticizes the Bush administration’s handling of the war on terrorism. Have you heard or read anything about Richard Clarke’s criticism of the Bush administration?

		Yes	No
Mar. 23-24, 2004	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	65	33

● As you may know, the commission investigating the September 11th attacks has heard testimony from national security advisor Condoleezza Rice. How much attention have you paid to what she told the commission— a lot, some, or not too much attention?

		A Lot	Some	Not Too Much
Apr. 8-9, 2004	PSRA/Newsweek	28	28	42

- How much, if anything, have you heard about a former aide to President Bush who claims that the president ignored serious warnings prior to the September 11 terrorist attacks... a lot, a little, or nothing at all?

Mar. 22-28, 2004	PSRA/Pew Research Center	A Lot 42	A Little 47	Nothing 10
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- How much attention have you paid to what former government official Richard Clarke told the commission investigating the September 11th attacks this week, a lot, some, or not too much?

Mar. 25-26, 2004	PSRA/Newsweek	A Lot 25	Some 25	Not Too Much 44
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Clarke's Credibility

- Do you find Richard Clarke's accusations to be very believable, somewhat believable, not very believable, or not believable at all?

		Very Believable	Somewhat Believable	Not Believable	Not At All Believable
Mar. 23-24, 2004	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	23	29	18	18

- From what you have heard and read, do you think Clarke is a dedicated public servant speaking out about government mistakes or do you think he is motivated by personal and political reasons?

		Dedicated Public Servant	Motivated By Personal/ Political Reasons
Mar. 25-26, 2004	PSRA/Newsweek	25	50

- Richard Clarke, the Bush administration's former counter terrorism chief recently wrote a book which is critical of how the Bush administration has handled the threat of terrorism. Here are some statements that have been made by both Clarke and the Bush administration— do you agree or disagree? Richard Clarke's book is politically motivated and released at this time to impact the presidential election. Do you (agree/disagree) strongly or only somewhat?

		Strongly Agree	Somewhat Agree	Somewhat Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Mar. 27-30, 2004	LA Times	33	25	11	16

- Richard Clarke, the Bush administration's former counter terrorism chief recently wrote a book which is critical of how the Bush administration has handled the threat of terrorism. Here are some statements that have been made by both Clarke and the Bush administration— do you agree or disagree? Do you (agree/disagree) strongly or only somewhat? Richard Clarke is attacking the Bush administration because he was turned down for the job of deputy secretary of the Department of Homeland Security?

		Strongly Agree	Somewhat Agree	Somewhat Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Mar. 27-30, 2004	LA Times	11	17	22	20

Condi's Credibility

- I'm going to read the names of some people. Please tell me whether you have a generally favorable or unfavorable opinion of each. If you've never heard of one, please just say so.

Apr. 6-7, 2004	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	Favorable	Unfavorable	Can't Say/Never Heard Of
	George W. Bush	49	44	7
	John Kerry	43	35	22
	Condoleezza Rice	45	22	33

● I'd like to get your overall opinion of National Security Advisor, Condoleezza Rice. Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of her, or have you never heard of her?

		Favorable	Unfavorable	Never Heard Of
Apr 8, 2004	CBS News	56	17	16

NOTE: Poll is re-interview of individuals surveyed from Mar. 30-Apr. 1, 2004.

● Do you generally have a favorable or generally unfavorable impression of National Security Advisor Condoleezza Rice, or are you not familiar enough with her to say one way or another?

		Favorable	Unfavorable	Not Familiar
Apr. 8, 2004	Harris Interactive	41	13	43

● As you may know, National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice testified today before the commission currently examining the terrorists attacks which occurred on September 11, 2001. How much have you read or heard about what Condoleezza Rice said when she spoke today— a great a deal, a moderate amount, only a little, or nothing at all?

		A Great Deal	Moderate Amount	Only A Little	Nothing At All
Apr. 8, 2004	Harris Interactive	20	23	24	3

Bottom Line

● As you may know, a commission known as the 9-11 Commission has been investigating the events that led up to the attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon. Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the job this commission has been doing?

		Approve	Disapprove	Don't Know
July 8-18, 2004	PSRA/Pew Research Center	61	24	15
August 5-10, 2004	PSRA/Pew Research Center	62	21	17

● Would you say you approve or disapprove of the 9/11 Commission's report about the September 11th, 2001 terrorist attacks, or haven't you heard enough about it to say?

		Approve	Disapprove	Haven't Heard Enough
July 30-31, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	37	11	51
July 30-August 1, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	37	10	52

● Has what Clarke said about Bush made you more favorable toward Bush, less favorable toward Bush, or hasn't it made much difference either way?

		More Favorable	Less Favorable	Not Much Difference
Mar. 25-26, 2004	PSRA/Newsweek	10	17	65

● Has Condoleezza Rice's testimony made you more likely or less likely to think the Bush administration did all it could to prevent the September 11th attacks – or has her testimony not made much difference?

		More Likely	Less Likely	Not Made Much Difference
Apr. 8-9, 2004	PSRA/Newsweek	21	15	46

● Based on the information available to the Bush administration before the terrorists attacks on September 11, 2001, do you think the Bush administration did or did not do all that could be expected to prevent the terrorist attacks?

		Did Do All It Could	Did Not Do All It Could
Mar. 26-28, 2004	Harris Interactive	42	54
Apr. 8, 2004	Harris Interactive	48	40

- As you may know, Clarke told the commission that the Bush Administration did not do all it could to fight terrorism. What do you think... has the Bush Administration done all it could to fight terrorism or has it not done all it could?

		All It Could	Not Done All It Could
Mar. 25-26, 2004	PSRA/Newsweek	46	43

- Overall, do you think the 9/11 commission hearings have been mostly fair and impartial, or not?

		Fair	Not Fair
Apr. 8, 2004	CBS News	53	22

NOTE: Poll is re-interview of individuals surveyed from Mar. 30-Apr. 1, 2004.

- When you think of the federal commission investigating the U.S. government's performance prior to the terrorist attacks of September eleventh, 2001, would you say that it has been fairly objective or that it has been too partisan?

		Fairly Objective	Too Partisan	Mixed	Not Sure
May 1-3, 2004	NBC/WSJ	36	43	9	12

NOTE: Asked of registered voters. Mixed was a volunteered answer.

- Which of the following ... do you think better describes the 9/11 commission investigation?

		All	Dem	Rep	Ind
Apr. 21-22, 2004	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics				
	Constructive, bi-partisan activity	34	42	26	33
	Destructive, partisan activity	35	29	49	29

- Which of the following ... best describes how you feel about the 9/11 Commission?

		All	Dem	Rep	Ind
Apr. 21-22, 2004	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics				
	Commission is an important, bi-partisan panel	29	35	23	29
	Commission could have been useful, but it has become a partisan joke	40	37	48	40
	Commission was always a joke	16	14	18	15
	Not sure	15	14	11	16

- Two weeks ago, former White House terrorism official Richard Clarke criticized the Bush administration's policy on terrorism before 9/11 when he testified before the commission. Today, Condoleezza Rice defended the Bush administration's record on terrorism in her testimony. If you had to choose, are you more likely to believe Richard Clarke or Condoleezza Rice on this matter?

		Clarke	Rice	Not Sure
Apr. 8, 2004	Harris Interactive	36	43	21

- Do you think the... did all they could to prevent the 9/11 terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, or could they have done more?

		Did All They Could	Could Have Done More
Mar. 30-Apr. 1, 2004	CBS News		
	Clinton Administration	17	71
	Bush Administration	23	67
	Intelligence Agencies-- FBI and CIA	13	79

- Please say whether you agree or disagree with the following statements?

Apr. 8-15, 2004	Harris Interactive	Agree	Disagree
Before 9/11 there were so many intelligence reports indicating so many different things that it was very difficult for the government to know which ones were real threats and which were not.		71	24
President Bush did everything that a reasonable person would have done under the circumstances before 9/11 to protect the United States		59	36
Before 9/11 President Bush and his advisors did not take enough notice of intelligence reports indicating that terrorists might hijack airplanes and fly them into major buildings in the United States.		52	43

VIEWS ABOUT NYC AND REBUILDING THE WTC: *Nice place to visit, wouldn't want to live there. Those sentiments have long characterized Americans' views of New York City. In 1939, in response to a question asked by Elmo Roper, just 10 percent told interviewers that New York City was one of the best places in the world in which to work and live. Forty-seven percent chose the response that it was a good place to visit for a short time, but not to work or live. In the crime-ridden late 1970s, just 34 percent told CBS/New York Times interviewers that the city was an excellent or good place to visit. By 1998, 61 percent gave that response. Still, only about 15 percent said the city was an excellent or good place to live. Americans were impressed by New Yorkers' response to 9/11. How questions were worded affected views about whether and how the World Trade Center should be rebuilt.*

- In general, do you have a good image or a bad image of New York City?

		Good image	Bad image
Sep. 2002	CBS News/NYT	83	11
Aug. 17-21, 2006	CBS News/NYT	76	14

- How would you rate New York City...?

Nov. 29-Dec. 5, 2001	Quinnipiac	Excellent/ Good	Not So Good/ Poor
On its response to the September 11 terrorist attacks		90	8
On its tourist attractions		89	6
On its cultural activities		85	5
As a place to visit		85	12
On the friendliness of its people		64	20
On being safe		48	45
On being clean and not having dirty streets		46	34
As a place to live		43	51

- Have you ever been to New York City?

		Yes	No
Nov. 29-Dec. 5, 2001	Quinnipiac	47	53

NOTE: In February 1950 the Gallup Organization asked, "Have you ever visited New York City?" Forty-two percent said they had and 58 percent said they had not.

- If you could afford it and had the vacation time, would you visit New York City in the next year or so, or not?

Nov. 29-Dec. 5, 2001	Quinnipiac	Yes 66	No 33
Aug. 17-21, 2006	CBS News/NYT	67	30

- Do you think the World Trade Center in New York City should or should not be rebuilt?

Sep. 14-15, 2001	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	Should 64	Should Not 29
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- Do you think the World Trade Center should be rebuilt in some form, or not?

Nov. 29-Dec. 5, 2001	Quinnipiac	Should 72	Should Not 22
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- Would you like to see the twin towers of the World Trade Center rebuilt as they were, would you prefer to see completely different buildings there, or do you think there should be a monument and no building?

		Rebuilt	Different Buildings	Monument/ No Building
Nov. 28-29, 2001	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	22	29	30

- Forgetting any issues of age or health, if it were to become necessary to defend America, would you be willing to fight and, if need be, die in this war against terrorism?

		Yes	No
Jun. 3-4, 1998*	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	74	18
Oct. 3-4, 2001	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	76	15
Jun. 18-19, 2002	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	74	17
Sep. 8-9, 2002	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	74	16

NOTE: * Question wording was, "If the United States were under a military threat from a foreign country, would you be willing to fight and, if need be, die for your country?"

ATTITUDES TOWARD ARAB AMERICANS AND ISLAM: Although pollsters did not explore attitudes toward Arab Americans systematically before 9/11, Gallup suggests that the public held "somewhat negative views" about Arabs. In polls by CBS and ABC News, negative or suspicious feelings about Arabs declined after the immediate post-9/11 polls.

While majorities are opposed to "singling out" Arab Americans (in the Zogby International question) or putting Arab Americans under "special surveillance" (the PSRA/Newsweek formulation), people are supportive of increased security requirements such as more extensive security checks and tightening immigration requirements. Question wording in this area, as in many others, has an impact on responses.

Americans hold mixed views of Muslims and toward Islam in general. In August 2007, 43 percent of Americans told Pew Research Center pollsters that they had a favorable opinion of Muslims. Thirty-five percent had an unfavorable opinion. According to a May 2006 Pew poll, 55 percent believe that relations between Muslims and people in Western countries are generally bad. Seventy-nine percent are either very or somewhat concerned about the rise of Muslim extremism.

- Do you personally know anyone who is an immigrant from an Arab country? If yes, would you say they are a close friend or not?

		Know and are close	Know and are not close	Don't know any
Sep. 2002	CBS News/NYT	12	23	63
Aug. 17-21, 2006	CBS News/ NYT	13	25	62

- Next, please tell me if you would favor or oppose each of the following as a means of preventing terrorist attacks in the United States. How about requiring Arabs, including those who are U.S. citizens, to undergo special, more intensive security checks before boarding airplanes in the U.S.?

		Yes	No
Sep. 14-15, 2001	Gallup	58	41
Jul. 22-24, 2005	Gallup	53	46
Aug. 18-20, 2006	Gallup	53	45

- How likely do you think it is that Arab Americans, Muslims, and immigrants from the Middle East will be singled out unfairly by people in this country—very likely, somewhat likely, not too likely, or not at all likely?

		Very likely	Somewhat likely	Not too likely	Not at all likely
Jan. 2002	CBS News	31	47	16	3
Aug. 11-13, 2006	CBS News	41	43	11	4
Aug. 17-21, 2006	CBS News/NYT	34	49	11	5

- Since the terrorist attacks, have you yourself become more suspicious of people who you think are of Middle-Eastern descent, or not?

		Yes	No
Sep. 21-25, 2001	PSRA/Pew Research Center	28	70
Jun. 19-23, 2002	PSRA/Pew Research Center	36	62
Aug. 14-25, 2002	PSRA/Pew Research Center	37	61
Aug. 9-13, 2006	PSRA/Pew Research Center	35	63

- Have last month's terrorist attacks made you personally more suspicious of people who you think are of Arab descent, or not?

		Yes	No
Sep. 13, 2001	ABC News/Wash Post	43	56
Oct. 8-9, 2001	ABC News	38	60
Dec. 18-29, 2001	ABC News	31	67
Sep. 5-8, 2002	ABC News	39	60

- Please tell me if you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable opinion of Arabs?

		Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable
Mar. 1993	Pew Global Attitudes	7	32	20	12
Oct. 2001	Pew Global Attitudes	9	45	25	12
May 2006	Pew Global Attitudes	14	36	20	10

- Would you say that you have less trust in Arabs living in this country than you did before the terrorist attacks on September 11th, or has your trust in Arabs living in this country not changed?

		Less Trust	Trust Not Changed
Sep. 14-15, 2001*	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	35	63
Mar. 8-9, 2002	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	37	61

NOTE: *Question wording was, "Would you say that you now have less trust in Arabs living in this country than you did before the terrorist attacks on Tuesday, or has your trust in Arabs living in this country not changed?"

- These days, do you ever have any negative feelings toward Arabs because of the attack?

		Yes	No
Sep. 20-23, 2001	CBS News/NYT	24	74
Oct. 8, 2001	CBS News	15	83

- Please tell me if you would favor or oppose the government doing each of the following as a way to prevent terrorist attacks in the United States...?

Sep. 27, 2001	Harris Interactive	Favor	Oppose
Require U.S. citizens of Arab descent to carry an identification card issued by the federal government		49	49
Allow the federal government to hold Arabs who are U.S. citizens in camps until it can be determined whether they have links to terrorist organizations		31	65

- Thinking of the situation here in the United States, please tell me if you support or oppose giving the police powers to stop and search...?

Oct. 8-9, 2001	ABC News	Yes	No
Any person, at random		52	46
Any person who fits the profile of a suspected terrorist		83	15
Any one who appears to be an Arab or Muslim, at random		42	55

- There are many factors that could go into the profile of a suspected terrorist, such as having contacts with terrorist groups. Do you think....should be part of the profile of a suspected terrorist?

Oct. 8-9, 2001	ABC News	Should Be Part of Profile	Should Not Be Part of Profile
Expressing support for terrorists' goals		81	14
Being Arab or Muslim		51	45

- I'm going to read you some other things that might be done to improve security and protect against terrorism in the United States. For each one, tell me if you strongly favor it, would accept if necessary, or think it would go too far. What about closely monitoring the whereabouts of legal immigrants to the United States from Arab and Muslim countries?

		Strongly Favor Monitoring Whereabouts	Would Accept If Necessary	Would Go Too Far
Sep. 20-21, 2001	PSRA/Newsweek	53	29	17

- In response to the terrorist attacks, do you think that the United States should put Arabs and Arab-Americans in this country under special surveillance or that it would be a mistake to target a nationality group, as was done with Japanese-Americans after Pearl Harbor?

		Put Arabs Under Special Surveillance	Would Be a Mistake
Sep. 13-14, 2001	PSRA/Newsweek	32	62
Sep. 20-21, 2001	PSRA/Newsweek	27	68
Nov. 29-30, 2001	PSRA/Newsweek	30	62

- Would you favor or oppose any policy that singles out Arab Americans for special scrutiny at airport check-ins?

Sep.-Oct. 2001 Zogby International

	Favor	Oppose		Favor	Oppose
Sep. 20	38	55	Oct. 1	44	50
Sep. 21	39	55	Oct. 2	41	54
Sep. 23	39	55	Oct. 3	38	55
Sep. 24	39	56	Oct. 4	38	56
Sep. 25	38	56	Oct. 5	37	57
Sep. 26	41	53	Oct. 6	39	56
Sep. 27	41	53	Oct. 7	41	53
Sep. 28	39	55			
Sep. 29	43	51			
Sep. 30	45	50			

- In your opinion, do most Muslims throughout the world sympathize with Osama Bin-Laden and Al Qaeda?

		Yes	No
Jan. 2005	Marttila/Security and Peace Inst.	27	62

- Next, please tell me if you would favor or oppose each of the following as a means of preventing terrorist attacks in the United States. How about requiring Arabs, including those who are U.S. citizens, to carry a special ID?

		Favor	Oppose
Sep. 14-15, 2001	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	49	49

- Next, please tell me if you favor or oppose taking each of the following actions in the United States for at least the next several years. How about requiring Arabs, including those who are U.S. citizens, to carry a special ID?

		Favor	Oppose
Oct. 19-21, 2001	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	49	49

- How about requiring Arabs, including those who are U.S. citizens, to undergo special, more intensive security checks before boarding airplanes in the U.S.?

		Favor	Oppose
Sep. 14-15, 2001	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	58	41

- When you hear or see each of the following, do you sometimes think it may be an indication of a terrorist attack or not...seeing people who look Middle Eastern in origin?

		Yes	No
Oct. 12, 2001	Harris Interactive	17	80

- Do you agree or disagree that most Arab-Americans and immigrants from the Middle East are loyal to the United States?

		Agree	Disagree
Oct. 31-Nov. 12, 2001	NPR/Kaiser/Harvard	62	27

- Next we'd like to know how you feel about the way various groups in society are treated. For each of the following groups please say whether you are very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, somewhat dissatisfied, very dissatisfied. How about Arabs?

		Very Satisfied	Somewhat Satisfied	Somewhat Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied
Jun. 8-25, 2006	Gallup	15	30	28	16

- Do you think that most Arab-Americans and immigrants from the Middle East feel about the terrorists' cause? Do you think they are more sympathetic to the terrorists' cause than other Americans, or about the same as other Americans?

		More Sympathetic To Terrorists' Cause	About the Same as Other Americans
Oct. 31-Nov. 12, 2001	NPR/Kaiser/Harvard	20	73

- How do you think most Arab-Americans and immigrants feel about the terrorists' acts? Do you think they are more sympathetic to the terrorists' acts than other Americans, or about the same as other Americans?

		More Sympathetic To Terrorists' Acts	About The Same As Other Americans
Oct. 31-Nov. 12, 2001	NPR/Kaiser/Harvard	18	77

- To combat terrorism, do you think the government should have access to travel, credit, and medical records of the following groups of people or not? As I read each one please say yes or no. OK?...Non citizens of apparent Arab or Muslim background?

		Yes	No
Aug. 4-10, 2003	TIPP/IBD/CSM	66	28

- How would you describe the opinion of Americans toward Muslims and Arabs since September 11?

		Very Favorable	Somewhat Favorable	Somewhat Unfavorable	Very Unfavorable
Nov. 8-19, 2001	Zogby International/ Project MAPS	12	25	34	23

NOTE: The Zogby/Project MAPS (Muslims in the American Public Square) survey of 1,781 American Muslim adults is, according to Zogby, the first ever systematic poll of American Muslims.

Attitudes toward Islam, Muslims, and Muslim Countries

- Generally speaking, do you think the Islamic religion encourages violence more than other religions around the world, about the same amount, or less than other religions around the world?

		More	Same amount	Less
Apr. 2006	CBS News	46	30	7
Oct. 2007	CBS News	45	36	6

- Please tell me if you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable opinion of Muslims?

		Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable
Mar. 2002	Pew Global Attitudes	7	40	18	11
Jun. 2003	Pew Global Attitudes	12	38	20	10
Jul. 2003	Pew Global Attitudes	9	38	19	12
Mar. 2004	Pew Global Attitudes	13	35	18	14
May 2005	Pew Global Attitudes	18	39	14	8
May 2006	Pew Global Attitudes	19	35	14	10

- Do you think that Jews, Christians, and Muslims all worship the same God or not?

		Yes	No	Not sure
2003	Harris Interactive	53	32	15
Oct. 2006	Harris Interactive	51	32	16

- Now thinking about some specific religious groups...Is your overall opinion of Muslim-Americans very favorable, mostly favorable, mostly unfavorable, or very unfavorable?

		Very Favorable	Mostly Favorable	Mostly Unfavorable	Very Unfavorable
Aug. 24-					
Sep. 10, 2000*	PSRA/Pew Research Center	11	39	13	8
Mar. 5-18, 2001	PSRA/Pew Research Center	7	38	16	8
Nov. 13-19, 2001	PSRA/Pew Research Center	15	44	12	5
Mar. 2002	PSRA/Pew Research Center	8	46	14	8
Jul. 2003	PSRA/Pew Research Center	10	41	15	9
Jul. 2005	PSRA/Pew Research Center	9	46	16	9
Aug. 2007	PSRA/Pew Research Center	10	43	18	11

NOTE: *Registered voters.

- Now thinking about some specific religious groups...Is your overall opinion of Muslims very favorable, mostly favorable, mostly unfavorable, or very unfavorable?

		Favorable	Unfavorable
Mar. 2002	PSRA/Pew Research Center	47	29
Jun. 2003	PSRA/Pew Research Center	50	30
Jul. 2003	PSRA/Pew Research Center	47	31
Mar. 2004	PSRA/Pew Research Center	48	32
Aug. 2007	PSRA/Pew Research Center	43	35

- How much would you say you know about the Muslim religion and its practices?

		A great deal	Some	Not very much	Nothing
Nov. 2001	PSRA/Pew Research Center	6	32	37	24
Mar. 2002	PSRA/Pew Research Center	5	29	37	28
Jul. 2003	PSRA/Pew Research Center	4	27	39	29
Jul. 2005	PSRA/Pew Research Center	5	28	36	30
Aug. 2007	PSRA/Pew Research Center	7	34	33	25

- On another subject, do you feel you do or do not have a good basic understanding of the teaching and beliefs of Islam, the Muslim religion?

		Yes	No
Oct. 8-9, 2001	ABC News	34	65
Jan. 2-6, 2002	ABC News	31	61
Oct. 11-15, 2002	ABC News/BeliefNet	25	73
Sep. 4-7, 2003	ABC News	33	64
Sep. 5-7, 2006	ABC News/Wash Post	40	58

- Would you say you have a generally favorable or unfavorable opinion of Islam?

		Favorable	Unfavorable
Oct. 8-9, 2001	ABC News/Wash Post	47	39
Jan. 2-6, 2002	ABC News/Wash Post	41	24
Oct. 11-15, 2002	ABC News/Wash Post	42	33
Sep. 4-7, 2003	ABC News/Wash Post	39	38
Mar. 2006	ABC News/Wash Post	40	59
Sep. 5-7, 2006	ABC News/Wash Post	41	45

- In general, do you think people in Muslim countries have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, neither favorable nor unfavorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable opinion of the United States?

		Favorable	Unfavorable	Neither
Mar. 2002	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	9	82	7
Mar. 2006	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	12	82	4
Jan. 2007	Gallup/USA Today	11	81	4

- Do you think that the unfavorable views Muslims have of the U.S. are based mostly on what the U.S. has done or are based mostly on misinformation provided by their media and government about the U.S. has done?

		Based on what U.S. has done	Based on misinformation
Mar. 2002	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	11	78
Jan. 2007	Gallup/USA Today	26	57

- Do you have a generally favorable or unfavorable opinion of Islam?

		Favorable	Unfavorable
Oct. 2001	ABC News/Washington Post	47	39
Jan. 2002	ABC News/Washington Post	41	24
Oct. 2002	ABC News/Washington Post	42	33
Sep. 2003	ABC News/Washington Post	39	38
Mar. 2006	ABC News/Washington Post	43	46

- Do you think mainstream Islam encourages violence against non-Muslims, or is it a peaceful religion?

		Encourages violence	Peaceful religion
Jan. 2002	ABC News/Washington Post	14	57
Oct. 2002	ABC News/Washington Post	23	53
Sep. 2003	ABC News/Washington Post	34	46
Mar. 2006	ABC News/Washington Post	33	54

- As I read you a pair of statements, tell me whether the first or second statement comes closer to your own views even if neither is exactly right: 1) some religions are more likely than others to encourage violence among believers 2) religions are all about the same in this regard.

		More likely than others	All about the same
Mar. 2002	PSRA/Pew Research Center	47	41
Jul. 2003	PSRA/Pew Research Center	52	38
May 2005	PSRA/Pew Research Center	52	39
Jul. 2005	PSRA/Pew Research Center	45	43
Mar. 2006	PSRA/Pew Research Center	53	36
Aug. 2007	PSRA/Pew Research Center	45	39

- Which one of the religions that I name do you think of as most violent – Christianity, Islam, Judaism, or Hinduism?

		Christianity	Islam	Judaism	Hinduism	All about the same
May 2005	PSRA/Pew Research Center	5	35	2	2	39
Jul. 2005	PSRA/Pew Research Center	5	27	2	2	43
Mar. 2006	PSRA/Pew Research Center	5	34	1	2	36

- How much would you say you know about the opinions and beliefs of people who live in Muslim countries – a great deal, a moderate amount, not much, or not at all?

		Great deal	Moderate amount	Not much	Not at all
Mar. 2002	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	5	41	42	12
Mar. 2006	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	7	37	43	13
Jan. 2007	Gallup/USA Today	6	37	43	14

- In general, please tell me whether your opinion of Muslim countries is very favorable, somewhat favorable, neither favorable nor unfavorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable?

		Favorable	Unfavorable	Neither
Mar. 2002	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	24	41	33
Mar. 2006	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	25	37	32
Jan. 2007	Gallup/USA Today	26	34	35

- Do you, yourself happen to know anyone who is Muslim?

		Yes	No
Nov. 2001	PSRA/Pew Research Center	38	61
Aug. 2007	PSRA/Pew Research Center	45	54

- Do you think most U.S. Muslims are more loyal to the United States than they are to Islam, are less loyal to the United States than they are to Islam, or about equally loyal to both?

		More loyal to the U.S.	Less Loyal	Equally Loyal
Jul. 11-12, 2007	PSRA/Newsweek	9	32	40

- Do you think U.S. Muslims are more peaceable, less peaceable, or about as peaceable as Muslims who live outside the United States?

		More Peaceable	Less Peaceable	About the same
Jul. 11-12, 2007	PSRA/Newsweek	52	7	24

- How worried are you, if at all, about radicals within the U.S. Muslim community?

		Very worried	Somewhat worried	Not too worried	Not at all worried
Jul. 11-12, 2007	PSRA/Newsweek	16	38	25	18

- From what you know about the Koran, the holy book of Islam, do you think the Koran condones violence or does not condone violence?

		Condone violence	Does not	Don't know
Jul. 11-12, 2007	PSRA/Newsweek	28	40	32

- Do you think most U.S. Muslims condone violence, or do not condone violence?

		Condone violence	Do not	Don't know
Jul. 11-12, 2007	PSRA/Newsweek	19	63	18

- Do you think that Muslim culture glorifies suicide, or does not glorify suicide?

		Glorifies suicide	Does not	Don't know
Jul. 11-12, 2007	PSRA/Newsweek	41	40	19

- Do you believe Muslim immigrants really want to become a part of this country and support American traditions and culture?

		Yes	No
Sep. 12-13, 2006	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	46	38

- Do you think there should be a special screening for Muslims who want to immigrate to the United States?

		Yes	No
Sep. 12-13, 2006	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	66	27

- Next, we'd like to know how you feel about people of different religious or spiritual groups in the United States. Please say whether your overall view of each group is very positive, somewhat positive, neutral, somewhat negative, or very negative....Muslims.

		Very positive	Somewhat positive	Neutral	Somewhat negative	Mostly negative
Aug. 28-31, 2006	Gallup	6	20	41	19	11

- If you honestly assessed yourself, would you say that you have at least some feelings of prejudice against Muslims or not?

		Yes	No
Jul. 28-30, 2006	Gallup/USA Today	39	59

- How concerned are you about the rise of Islamic extremism around the world these days? Are you very concerned, somewhat concerned, not too concerned, or not at all concerned about the rise of Islamic extremism these days?

		Very concerned	Somewhat concerned	Not too concerned	Not at all concerned
May 2-14, 2006	Pew Research Center	46	33	11	6

- Which of these characteristics do you associate with Muslims? The first is _____. Do you associate this with Muslims or not?

May 2-14, 2006	Pew Research Center	Yes	No
	Generous	26	50
	Violent	45	42
	Greedy	24	60
	Fanatical	43	41
	Honest	44	36
	Selfish	27	56
	Devout	67	18
	Immoral	19	65
	Arrogant	35	53
	Tolerant	28	58
	Respectful of women	19	69

- Now on to a different subject, some people feel that democracy is a Western way of doing things that would not work in most Muslim countries—others think that democracy is not just for the West and can work well in most Muslim countries. Which comes closer to your opinion?

		Would not work	Work well
May 2-14, 2006	Pew Research Center	37	49

- Do you think that relations these days between Muslims around the world and people in Western countries such as the United States and Europe are generally good or generally bad?

			Good	Bad
May 2-14, 2006	Pew Research Center		32	55

- Who do you think is mostly to blame for this, Muslims or people in Western countries?

		Muslims	Western people	Both	Neither
May 2-14, 2006	Pew Research Center	33	26	22	8

- All things considered, do you think that Muslim nations should be more economically prosperous than they are today, or don't you think so?

		Yes	No	Don't know
May 2-14, 2006	Pew Research Center	56	19	24

- What is most responsible for Muslim nations' lack of prosperity? Is it the policies of the U.S. and other western nations, the lack of democracy in the Muslim world, the lack of education in the Muslim world, Islamic fundamentalism, or corruption in the government of Muslim nations?

		U.S./West policies	Lack of democracy	Lack of education	Islamic fundamentalism	Government corruption
May 2-14, 2006	Pew Research Center	6	13	21	15	37

- Do you think there is a natural conflict between being a devout Muslim and living in a modern society, or don't you think so?

		Yes	No
May 2-14, 2006	Pew Research Center	40	42

- In your opinion, how many Muslims in our country support Islamic extremists like al-Qaeda? Would you say most, many, just some, or very few?

		Most	Many	Just Some	Very Few
May 2-14, 2006	Pew Research Center	8	11	31	39

- Do you think American Muslims support the United States in the war on terror, or not?

			Yes	No
Jun. 26-27, 2002	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics		49	29

- In your opinion, do most Muslims living in America sympathize with Osama Bin Laden and Al Qaeda?

		Yes	No
Jan. 2005	Marttila/Security and Peace Inst.	13	74

- Based on recent events, do you think there should be tighter controls on all Muslims - including Muslims living in the United States - who are traveling on airlines or trains?

		Yes	No
Sep. 15-17, 2001	Wirthlin Worldwide	58	39

- Do you personally know anyone who is a Muslim, or not?

		Yes	No
Oct. 8-9, 2001	ABC News	41	58

IMMIGRATION: Most people in polls conducted since the 1940s have said that immigration should be decreased or kept at its current level. As the questions that follow show, the polls conducted after 9/11 revealed new public anxiety about immigration.

- Should legal immigration into the United States be kept at its present level, increased, or decreased?

		Increased	Present Level	Decreased
Sep. 13-14, 2001	CBS News/NYT	10	29	53
Sep. 20-23, 2001	CBS News/NYT	11	29	57
Dec. 7-10, 2001	CBS News/NYT	9	29	59
Jul. 13-27, 2003	CBS News/NYT	9	37	48
Jan. 12-15, 2004	CBS News/NYT	16	34	45
Jul. 29-Aug. 2, 2005	CBS News/NYT	13	32	51
Oct. 3-5, 2005	CBS News	11	30	51
Apr. 6-9, 2006	CBS News	16	33	45
May 4-8, 2006	CBS News/NYT	22	39	34
Mar. 7-11, 2007	CBS News/NYT	18	30	48
May 18-23, 2007	CBS News/NYT	20	39	35

- In your view, should immigration be kept at its present level, increased, or decreased?

		Increased	Present Level	Decreased
Oct. 19-21, 2001	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	8	30	58
Jun. 3-9, 2002	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	12	36	49
Sep. 2-4, 2002	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	17	26	54
Jun. 12-18, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	13	37	47
Jun. 9-30, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	14	33	49
Jun. 6-25, 2005	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	16	34	46
Dec. 9-11, 2005	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	15	31	51
Apr. 7-9, 2006	Gallup/USA Today	15	35	47
Jun. 8-25, 2006	Gallup/USA Today	17	42	39
Jun. 4-24, 2007	Gallup/USA Today	16	35	45

- If the U.S. were to restrict immigration of certain ethnic or religious groups as a result of the terrorist attacks, would you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose doing so?

Oct.-Nov. 2001		Zogby International							
	Strongly Support	Somewhat Support	Somewhat Oppose	Strongly Oppose		Strongly Support	Somewhat Support	Somewhat Oppose	Strongly Oppose
Oct. 8	31	20	22	24	Nov. 1	40	21	15	20
Oct. 9	32	19	22	24	Nov. 2	39	20	17	20
Oct. 10	34	21	18	25	Nov. 3	38	21	18	19
Oct. 11	35	19	19	25	Nov. 4	37	19	18	20
Oct. 12	35	21	18	23	Nov. 5	35	22	18	21
Oct. 13	34	21	20	21	Nov. 6	32	23	18	23
Oct. 14	35	22	19	20	Nov. 7	34	22	20	21
Oct. 15	35	22	19	20	Nov. 8	34	21	18	22
Oct. 16	33	23	18	22					
Oct. 17	33	24	17	22					
Oct. 18	32	23	18	23					
Oct. 19	32	22	18	24					
Oct. 20	31	23	18	25					
Oct. 21	31	22	19	25					
Oct. 22	31	23	18	25					

Oct. 23	31	23	20	23
Oct. 24	32	24	19	22
Oct. 25	35	24	17	21
Oct. 26	32	24	19	22
Oct. 27	36	22	15	23
Oct. 28	34	23	15	24
Oct. 29	34	25	14	21
Oct. 30	37	24	15	20
Oct. 31	39	21	15	20

- During the war on terrorism, do you favor or oppose each of the following measures?

			Favor	Oppose
Imposing stricter controls on immigration from countries thought to be connected to terrorists				
Nov. 14-15, 2001	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	90	7	
Imposing stricter control on foreign student visas				
Nov. 14-15, 2001	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	85	11	
Imposing stricter penalties on illegal immigrants				
Nov. 14-15, 2001	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	82	12	
May 14-15, 2002	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	79	16	
Making it more difficult for all foreigners, regardless of country, to enter the United States				
Nov. 14-15, 2001	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	69	26	
May 14-15, 2002	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	61	32	
Sealing U.S. borders and stopping all immigration for up to two years while the search for terrorists is conducted				
Nov. 14-15, 2001	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	52	42	
May 14-15, 2002	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	48	45	
Cancelling all immigration from countries thought to be connected to terrorists				
May 14-15, 2002	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	65	28	
Sealing U.S. borders and stopping all immigration of young Arab men while the search for terrorists is conducted				
May 14-15, 2002	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	53	40	
Canceling all foreign student visas				
May 14-15, 2002	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	36	53	

- Do you think the United States has made it too easy for people from other countries to enter the U.S. or not?

		Too Easy	Not too Easy
Sep. 13-14, 2001	CBS News/NYT	80	15
Sep. 20-23, 2001	CBS News/NYT	83	15

- If an immigrant had no actual involvement in a terrorist action taken, but the person was family member or friend of a proven terrorist, would you favor or oppose a law that would allow for that person's quick deportation?

		Favor	Oppose
Nov. 3, 2001	Zogby International	48	43
Nov. 4, 2001	Zogby International	46	46
Nov. 5, 2001	Zogby International	46	46

Nov. 6, 2001	Zogby International	45	47
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● If the U.S. adopted laws to allow faster deportation of individuals found to have ties to proven terrorists would you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose this? 			
Oct. 8, 2001	Zogby International	Strongly Support 82	Strongly Oppose 5
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Based on recent events, do you think U.S. immigration laws should be tightened to restrict the number of immigrants from Arab or Muslim countries into the United States? 			
Sep. 15-17, 2001	Wirthlin Worldwide	Yes 83	No 16
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● In light of Tuesday's attack, should the United States toughen restrictions on visas for foreign students and other visitors to the United States? 			
Sep. 13-14, 2001	L.A. Times	Yes 84	No 12
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Do you favor or oppose temporarily sealing U.S. borders and stopping all immigration into the U.S. during the war on terrorism? 			
Oct. 31-Nov. 1, 2001	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	Yes 65	No 29
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Should the number of people who are allowed to immigrate to the United States from the Middle East be increased, decreased, or kept at its present level? 			
Oct. 31-Nov. 12, 2001	NPR/Kaiser/Harvard	Increased 4	Kept At Present Level 36
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Should the number of people who are allowed to immigrate from other countries be increased, decreased, or kept at its present level? 			
Oct. 31-Nov. 12, 2001	NPR/Kaiser/Harvard	Increased 6	Kept At Present Level 31
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Overall, would you say most recent immigrants to the United States contribute to this country, or do most of them cause problems? 			
Dec. 7-10, 2001	CBS News/NYT	Contribute 51	Cause Problems 31

CIVIL LIBERTIES AFTER 9/11, THE PATRIOT ACT, AND DOMESTIC

SURVEILLANCE: *Sixty-one percent in a Los Angeles Times national poll from September 2001 said it would be necessary for the average person to give up some civil liberties in order to curb terrorism, but 33 percent said it would not be necessary. The December 2006-January 2007 PSRA/Pew Research poll found that 40 percent of those surveyed said it would be necessary for the average person to give up some civil liberties in order to curb terrorism. Fifty-four percent said it was not necessary. The increase in the number saying it would not be necessary for the average person to give up some liberties may be explained by a reduced fear factor. Another possibility, as data in the “Trust in Government” section of this document suggest, is that Americans’ familiar suspicion of federal government power has returned. Another explanation: some people feel the government has gone too far. Forty-five percent of those surveyed by ABC News/Washington Post in May 2006 said that the government was not doing enough to protect privacy. Much depends on question wording. Forty-seven percent told Pew Research Center pollsters in February 2008 that the government had not gone far enough to adequately protect the country while 36 percent said it had gone too far in restricting civil liberties.*

The government’s role in domestic surveillance, sometimes called domestic spying, has also come under close scrutiny. The same February 2008 Pew poll found that 52 percent of those surveyed said they thought it was generally right for the government to monitor telephone and e-mail communications of Americans suspected of having terrorist ties without first obtaining a court’s permission. Forty-four percent said it was generally wrong.

- In order to curb terrorism in this country, do you think it will be necessary for the average person to give up some civil liberties, or not?

		Yes	No
Sep. 13-14, 2001	LA Times	61	33
Sep. 13-17, 2001	PSRA/Pew Research Center	55	35
Sep. 20-21, 2001	PSRA/Newsweek	63	32
Jan. 9-13, 2002	PSRA/Pew Research Center	55	39
Jun. 19-23, 2002	PSRA/Pew Research Center	49	45
Jun. 27-28, 2002	PSRA/Newsweek	46	46
Aug. 28-29, 2002	PSRA/Newsweek	47	47
July 8-18, 2004	PSRA/Pew Research Center	38	56
July 13-17, 2005	PSRA/Pew Research Center	40	53
Sep. 6-10, 2006	PSRA/Pew Research Center	43	50
Dec. 2006-Jan. 2007	PSRA/Pew Research Center	40	54

- Overall, in its efforts to fight terrorism, do you think the Bush administration has gone too far in restricting people’s civil liberties, or has it not gone far enough, or has the balance been about right?

		Too Far	Not far Enough	About Right
Jul. 21-25, 2006	CBS News/NYT	31	12	52
Aug. 17-21, 2006	CBS News/NYT	24	19	53

- During wartime, some presidents have either received or assumed special war powers, which give the president more authority to act independently when he feels it is necessary. In the current campaign against terrorism, is it a good idea or a bad idea for the president to have the authority to make changes in the rights usually guaranteed by the Constitution?

		Good idea	Bad idea
Jul. 21-25, 2006	CBS News/NYT	43	53
Aug. 17-21, 2006	CBS News/NYT	36	59

- Would you be willing to give up some of your personal freedom in order to reduce the threat of terrorism?

		Yes	No
Oct. 17-18, 2001	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	71	20
Jun. 4-5, 2002	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	64	21
Sep. 8-9, 2002	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	61	24
Jul. 26-27, 2005	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	64	21
Jan. 10-11, 2006	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	61	27
May 16-18, 2006	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	54	36

- What do you think is more important right now – for the federal government to investigate possible terrorists threats, even if that intrudes on personal privacy; or for the federal government not to intrude on personal privacy, even if that limits its ability to investigate possible terrorist threats?

		Investigate Threats	Respect Privacy
Jun. 7-9, 2002*	ABC News	79	18
Sep. 5-8, 2002*	ABC News	78	18
Sep. 4-7, 2003*	ABC News	73	21
Jan. 5-8, 2006	ABC News/Wash Post	65	32
May 11, 2006	ABC News/Wash Post	65	31
Sep. 5-7, 2006	ABC News/Wash Post	65	32
Dec. 6-10, 2006	ABC News/Wash Post	63	34

Note: *the asking was of the FBI, not the federal government

- In investigating terrorism, do you think federal agencies like the FBI are or are not intruding on some Americans' privacy rights?

		Are	Are Not
Sept. 7, 2003	ABC News/Wash Post	58	33
Jan. 5-8, 2006	ABC News/Wash Post	64	32
Sep. 5-7, 2006	ABC News/Wash Post	61	35
Dec. 7-11, 2006	ABC News/Wash Post	66	30

- If yes, do you think those intrusions are justified or not?

		Yes, and not justified	Yes, but justified	No, not intruding
Sept. 7, 2003	ABC News/Wash Post	36	30	33
Jan. 5-8, 2006	ABC News/Wash Post	30	31	32
Sep. 5-7, 2006	ABC News/Wash Post	24	33	35
Dec. 7-11, 2006	ABC News/Wash Post	28	34	30

- Which of the following statements comes closer to your view... “Americans should be willing to give up some of their civil liberties so the government can keep the country safe from terrorism” or “Americans should not be willing to allow the government to take away their civil liberties in the name of keeping the country safe from terrorism.”?

		Give up civil liberties for safety	Not allow civil liberties to be taken
Jan. 22-25, 2006	LA Times/Bloomberg	51	40
Jul. 28-Aug. 1, 2006	LA Times/Bloomberg	48	44

- How much do you feel government anti-terrorist programs have taken your own personal privacy away since September 11, 2001?

		Great deal	Quite a lot	A moderate amount	Only a little	Not at all
Feb. 2004	Harris Interactive	8	6	22	29	35
Sept. 2004	Harris Interactive	8	9	21	26	35
Jun. 2005	Harris Interactive	10	7	24	25	32
Feb. 2006	Harris Interactive	7	7	23	28	35

- What concerns you more right now? That the government will fail to enact strong new anti-terrorism laws, or that the government will enact new anti-terrorism laws which excessively restrict the average person's civil liberties?

		Fail To Enact Strong Laws	Enact Laws That Restrict Liberties
Sep. 13-17, 2001	PSRA/Pew Research Center	39	34
Dec. 7-10, 2001	CBS News/NYT	43	45
Jan. 9-13, 2002	PSRA/Pew Research Center	40	45
Jun. 19-23, 2002	PSRA/Pew Research Center	35	49
Nov. 20-24, 2002	CBS News/NYT	40	44
Jan. 5-8, 2006	CBS News	38	46
May 16-17, 2006	CBS News	36	51
Aug. 11-13, 2006	CBS News	39	46

- What concerns you more about the government's anti-terrorism policies....that they have not gone far enough to adequately protect the country or that they have gone too far in restricting the average person's civil liberties?

		Not Far Enough	Gone Too Far
Jul. 8-18, 2004	PSRA/Pew Research Center	49	29
Jul. 13-17, 2005	PSRA/Pew Research Center	52	31
Oct. 12-24, 2005	PSRA/Pew Research Center	48	34
Jan. 4-8, 2006	PSRA/Pew Research Center	46	33
Feb. 1-5, 2006	Pew Research Center	50	33
Aug. 9-13, 2006	PSRA/Pew Research Center	55	26
Feb. 20-24, 2008	PSRA/Pew Research Center	47	36

- Based on what the Bush administration has done so far and proposes to do in response to terrorism, do you think they are going too far in restricting civil liberties, not far enough, or are handling this situation just about right?

		Too Far	Not Far Enough	Just Right
Sep. 28-29, 2001	PSRA/Newsweek	8	17	72
Nov. 29-30, 2001	PSRA/Newsweek	11	14	72
Jan. 31-Feb. 1, 2002	PSRA/Newsweek	12	23	59
Jun. 27-28, 2002	PSRA/Newsweek	13	24	57

- As it conducts the war on terrorism, do you think the United States government is or is not doing enough to protect the rights of American citizens?

		Is	Is Not
Jun. 2002	ABC News/Wash Post	65	30
Sep. 2002	ABC News/Wash Post	74	24
Dec. 2002	ABC News/Wash Post	61	35
Sep. 2003	ABC News/Wash Post	69	28
Jun. 2005	ABC News/Wash Post	50	46
Mar. 2006	ABC News/Wash Post	46	51
May 2006	ABC News/Wash Post	53	45

- How would you rate the job that the Bush administration has done protecting civil liberties?

		Positive	Negative
Dec. 4-12, 2007	Harris Interactive	33	57

- Who do you think would do a better job striking the right balance between investigations of potential terrorism and protecting civil liberties?

		Republicans in Congress	Both equally	Democrats in Congress
Dec. 4-12, 2007	Harris Interactive	20	28	24

- Overall, based on what you may have seen, read, or heard about the U.S. federal government's programs for investigating terrorist activities, do you think that the government's programs strike the right balance between investigations of potential terrorism and protecting civil liberties, or not?

		Right balance	Not the right balance
Jul. 21-24, 2006	Harris Interactive	50	42

- Regardless of how you usually vote, do you think the Republican party or the Democratic party is more likely to protect your civil liberties?

		Republican party	Democratic party
May 4-8, 2006	CBS News/NYT	22	62

- Do you personally feel that the government's anti-terrorism efforts are intruding on your civil liberties, or not? (If Yes) In your view, is it a minor intrusion or a major intrusion?

		Major Intrusion	Minor Intrusion	Not An Intrusion
Sep. 25-29, 2002	ABC News	10	7	80

(If Yes) Do you think that intrusion is necessary right now, or not necessary?

		Necessary	Not Necessary	Not An Intrusion
Sep. 25-29, 2002	ABC News	5	12	80

Restrictions People Are and Are Not Willing to Accept

- I'm going to read you some things that might be done to improve security and protect against terrorism in the United States. For each one, tell me if you strongly favor it, would accept it if necessary, or think it would go too far? First, what about...

		Strongly Favor	Accept If Necessary	Goes Too Far
More restrictions on air travel, including no curbside check-in, arrival at the airport two or more hours before a flight and no knives, scissors, or other sharp instruments allowed on the plane				
Sep. 13-14, 2001	PSRA/Newsweek	71	23	5
Sep. 20-21, 2001	PSRA/Newsweek	76	20	4
Sep. 27-28, 2001	PSRA/Newsweek	72	22	5
Jun. 27-28, 2002	PSRA/Newsweek	62	32	5

Issuing ID cards for every citizen and legal immigrant designed to be as tamper-proof as possible

Sep. 27-28, 2001	PSRA/Newsweek	51	29	18
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ID checks at all workplaces and public buildings

Sep. 13-14, 2001	PSRA/Newsweek	51	34	14
Sep. 20-21, 2001	PSRA/Newsweek	52	32	15
Sep. 27-28, 2001	PSRA/Newsweek	50	35	14
Jun. 27-28, 2002	PSRA/Newsweek	43	44	11

Random ID checks on the streets and highways

Sep. 13-14, 2001	PSRA/Newsweek	23	32	44
Sep. 20-21, 2001	PSRA/Newsweek	25	35	39
Sep. 27-28, 2001	PSRA/Newsweek	26	33	40
Jun. 27-28, 2002	PSRA/Newsweek	18	38	42

Making it easier for intelligence and law enforcement agents to monitor people's private telephone conversations and e-mail

		Strongly Favor	Accept If Necessary	Goes Too Far
Sep. 13-14, 2001	PSRA/Newsweek	15	32	51
Sep. 20-21, 2001	PSRA/Newsweek	21	35	43
Sep. 27-28, 2001	PSRA/Newsweek	20	33	44
Jun. 27-28, 2002	PSRA/Newsweek	12	28	57

- In order to reduce the threat of terrorism, would you be willing or not willing to allow government agencies to monitor the telephone calls and emails of ordinary Americans on a regular basis?

		Willing	Not Willing
Sep. 13-14, 2001	CBS News/NYT	39	53
Sep. 20-23, 2001	CBS News/NYT	45	51
Dec. 7-10, 2001	CBS News/NYT	31	65
Jan. 5-6, 2002	CBS News	40	54
Jan. 15-17, 2002	CBS News	34	60
Feb. 24-26, 2002	CBS News	36	61
Nov. 20-24, 2002	CBS News/NYT	33	62
May 27-28, 2003	CBS News	27	69
Jan. 20-25, 2006	CBS News/NYT	28	70
May 16-17, 2006	CBS News	30	68
Aug. 17-21, 2006	CBS News/NYT	38	59

- Which comes closer to your view – the government should take all steps necessary to prevent additional acts of terrorism in the U.S. even if it means your basic civil liberties would be violated, or the government should take steps to prevent additional acts of terrorism but not if those steps would violate your basic civil liberties?

		Take Steps	Take Steps But Not If They Violate Basic Civil Liberties
Jan. 25-27, 2002	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	47	49
Jun. 21-23, 2002	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	40	56
Sep. 2-4, 2002	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	33	62
Apr. 22-23, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	33	64
Aug. 25-26, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	29	67
Nov. 10-12, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	31	64
Dec. 16-18, 2005	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	31	65

- Do you think the Bush administration has gone too far, has been about right, or has not gone far enough in restricting people's civil liberties in order to fight terrorism?

		Too Far	About Right	Not Far Enough
Jun. 21-23, 2002	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	11	60	25
Sep. 2-4, 2002	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	15	55	26
Aug. 25-26, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	21	55	19
Nov. 10-12, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	28	48	21
Jan. 6-8, 2006	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	38	40	19
May 12-13, 2006	Gallup/USA Today	41	34	19

- Do you think Americans will have to give up some of their personal freedoms in order to make the country safe from terrorist attacks?

		Yes	No
Sep. 13-14, 2001	CBS News/NYT	74	21
Apr. 15-18, 2002	CBS News	72	24
Jan. 5-8, 2006	CBS News	65	31
Aug. 17-21, 2006	CBS News/NYT	68	29

- How concerned are you about losing some of your civil liberties as a result of the recent measures enacted by the Bush administration to fight terrorism - are you very concerned, somewhat concerned, not very concerned, or not at all concerned?

		Very Concerned	Somewhat Concerned	Not Very Concerned	Not At All Concerned
Jan. 5-6, 2002	CBS News	20	26	25	28
Jan. 15-17, 2002	CBS News	22	32	22	21
May 27-28, 2003	CBS News	22	30	25	21
Aug. 26-28, 2003	CBS News	30	29	21	18
Jan. 20-25, 2006	CBS News/NYT	34	30	17	18
Feb. 22-26, 2006	CBS News	33	31	18	16

- How concerned are you about losing some of your civil liberties—are you very concerned, somewhat concerned, not very concerned, or not at all concerned?

		Very Concerned	Somewhat Concerned	Not Very Concerned	Not at All Concerned
Sep. 2002	CBS News/NYT	29	35	20	13
Aug. 17-21, 2006	CBS News/NYT	25	34	23	16

- Which worries you more: that Bush will not go far enough to investigate terrorism because of concerns about constitutional rights, or that Bush will go too far in compromising constitutional rights in order to investigate terrorism?

		Will not go far enough	Will go too far
Jan. 5-8, 2006	ABC News/Wash Post	48	44

- Would you favor or oppose the following measures to curb terrorism?

		Favor	Oppose
Requiring that all citizens carry a national identity card to show to a police officer on request			
Sep. 13-17, 2001	PSRA/Pew Research Center	70	26
Aug. 14-25, 2002	PSRA/Pew Research Center	59	38
Jan. 4-8, 2006	PSRA/Pew Research Center	57	38
Dec. 6-10, 2006	PSRA/Pew Research Center	57	39
Allowing the U.S. government to monitor your credit card purchases			
Sep. 13-17, 2001	PSRA/Pew Research Center	40	55

Aug. 14-25, 2002	PSRA/Pew Research Center	32	63
Jan. 4-8, 2006	PSRA/Pew Research Center	29	68
Dec. 6-10, 2006	PSRA/Pew Research Center	26	71

Allowing the U.S. government to take legal immigrants from unfriendly countries to internment camps during times of tension or crisis

Sep. 13-17, 2001	PSRA/Pew Research Center	29	57
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Allowing the U.S. government to monitor your personal telephone calls and e-mails

Sep. 13-17, 2001	PSRA/Pew Research Center	26	70
Aug. 14-25, 2002	PSRA/Pew Research Center	22	76
Jan. 4-8, 2006	PSRA/Pew Research Center	24	73
Dec. 6-10, 2006	PSRA/Pew Research Center	22	75

Allowing airport personnel to do extra checks on passengers who appear to be of Middle-Eastern descent?

Aug. 14-25, 2002	PSRA/Pew Research Center	59	38
Jan. 4-8, 2006	PSRA/Pew Research Center	57	38
Dec. 6-10, 2006	PSRA/Pew Research Center	57	38

- Do you favor or oppose allowing your purse, handbag, briefcase, backpack, or packages to be searched at random anywhere?

		Favor	Oppose
Sep. 6-9, 2007	Zogby International	48	50

- Would you favor allowing these methods if it meant increased protection from terrorist acts...Allowing your purse, handbag, briefcase, backpack, or packages to be searched at random anywhere?

		Favor	Oppose
Sep. 1-5, 2006	Zogby International	55	45

- Do you favor or oppose allowing your mail to be searched at random?

Zogby International

	Favor	Oppose		Favor	Oppose
Nov. 3, 2001	67	32	Nov. 11, 2001	61	38
Nov. 4, 2001	67	32	Nov. 12, 2001	60	37
Nov. 5, 2001	66	32	Nov. 13, 2001	61	35
Nov. 6, 2001	65	34	Nov. 14, 2001	61	36
Nov. 7, 2001	65	34	Nov. 15, 2001	61	37
Nov. 8, 2001	63	36	Nov. 29, 2001	54	44
Nov. 9, 2001	63	36	Nov. 30, 2001	53	46
Nov. 10, 2001	59	40	Dec. 1, 2001	55	44
Mar. 27, 2002	36	62			
Aug. 2, 2002	35	62			

- Do you favor or oppose allowing your car to be searched at random?

Zogby International

	Favor	Oppose		Favor	Oppose
Nov. 3, 2001	75	24	Nov. 11, 2001	65	33
Nov. 4, 2001	75	24	Nov. 12, 2001	63	33
Nov. 5, 2001	77	22	Nov. 13, 2001	66	31
Nov. 6, 2001	76	24	Nov. 14, 2001	67	31
Nov. 7, 2001	75	25	Nov. 15, 2001	65	34

Nov. 8, 2001	71	29	Nov. 29, 2001	57	41
Nov. 9, 2001	69	30	Nov. 30, 2001	60	39
Nov. 10, 2001	65	34	Dec. 3, 2001	60	39
Dec. 14, 2001	62	37			
Mar. 6, 2002	62	35			
Mar. 27, 2002	48	51			
Aug. 2, 2002	47	51			

- Please tell me if you support or oppose each of the following possible solutions that have been proposed as ways of dealing with terrorism.

Fox News/Opinion Dynamics

	Support	Oppose
Allowing police to stop and search anyone who fits the general description of suspected terrorists		
Sep. 19-20, 2001	69	26
Nov. 28-29, 2001	58	36
Sep. 8-9, 2002	62	31
Allowing the government to increase monitoring of private telephone and email communications		
Sep. 19-20, 2001	54	39
Nov. 28-29, 2001	40	52
Sep. 8-9, 2002	38	53
Imposing stricter immigration and border crossing penalties		
Sep. 19-20, 2001	92	5
Sep. 8-9, 2002	88	7
Allowing the government to hold suspected terrorists as long as deemed necessary, possibly a year or more		
Oct. 31-Nov. 1, 2001	83	12
Nov. 28-29, 2001	66	26
Sep. 8-9, 2002	67	26

- Here are some increased powers of investigation that law enforcement agencies might use when dealing with people suspected of terrorist activity, which would also affect our civil liberties. For each, please say if you would favor or oppose it.

Harris Interactive

	Favor	Oppose
Stronger document and physical security checks for travelers		
Sep. 19-24, 2001	93	6
Mar. 13-19, 2002	89	9
Feb. 12-16, 2003	84	14
Feb. 9-16, 2004	84	14
Sept. 9-13, 2004	83	14
Jun. 7-12, 2005	81	17
Feb. 7-14, 2006	84	15
Stronger document and physical security checks for access to government and private office buildings		
Sep. 19-24, 2001	92	7
Mar. 13-19, 2002	89	10

Feb. 12-16, 2003	82	15
Feb. 9-16, 2004	85	14
Expanded under-cover activities to penetrate groups under suspicion		
Sep. 19-24, 2001	93	5
Mar. 13-19, 2002	88	10
Feb. 12-16, 2003	81	17
Feb. 9-16, 2004	80	17
Sept. 9-13, 2004	82	15
Jun. 7-12, 2005	76	20
Feb. 7-14, 2006	82	17
Use of facial-recognition technology to scan for suspected terrorists at various locations and public events		
Sep. 19-24, 2001	86	11
Mar. 13-19, 2002	81	17
Feb. 12-16, 2003	77	20
Feb. 9-16, 2004	80	17
Issuance of a secure ID technique for persons to access government and business computer systems, to avoid disruptions		
Sep. 19-24, 2001	84	11
Mar. 13-19, 2002	78	16
Feb. 12-16, 2003	75	21
Feb. 9-16, 2004	76	19
Closer monitoring of banking and credit card transactions, to trace funding sources		
Sep. 19-24, 2001	81	17
Mar. 13-19, 2002	72	25
Feb. 12-16, 2003	67	30
Feb. 9-16, 2004	64	34
Sept. 9-13, 2004	67	30
Jun. 7-12, 2005	62	35
Feb. 7-14, 2006	66	33
Jul. 21-24, 2006	61	37
Adoption of a national ID system for all U.S. citizens		
Sep. 19-24, 2001	68	28
Mar. 13-19, 2002	59	37
Feb. 12-16, 2003	64	31
Feb. 9-16, 2004	56	40
Sept. 9-13, 2004	60	33
Jun. 7-12, 2005	61	34
Feb. 7-14, 2006	64	34
Expanded camera surveillance on streets and in public places		
Sep. 19-24, 2001	63	35
Mar. 13-19, 2002	58	40
Feb. 12-16, 2003	61	37
Feb. 9-16, 2004	61	37
Sept. 9-13, 2004	60	35
Jun. 7-12, 2005	59	40
Feb. 7-14, 2006	67	32
Jul. 21-24, 2006	70	28
Law enforcement monitoring of Internet discussions in chat rooms and other forums		
Sep. 19-24, 2001	63	32

Mar. 13-19, 2002	55	41
Feb. 12-16, 2003	54	42
Feb. 9-16, 2004	50	45
Sept. 9-13, 2004	59	37
Jun. 7-12, 2005	57	40
Feb. 7-14, 2006	60	39
Jul. 21-24, 2006	62	34

Expanded government monitoring of cell phones and email, to intercept communications

Sep. 19-24, 2001	54	41
Mar. 13-19, 2002	44	51
Feb. 12-16, 2003	44	53
Feb. 9-16, 2004	36	60
Sept. 9-13, 2004	39	56
Jun. 7-12, 2005	37	60
Feb. 7-14, 2006	44	55
Jul. 21-24, 2006	52	46

Note: July 2006 numbers taken shortly before the attempted London plane bombing.

- Now, regardless of whether you favor or oppose each of the following powers of investigation, do you think the use of investigative powers by the president should be done under his executive authority without needing Congressional authorization or should this use of investigative power by the president be done only with Congressional authorization?

Harris Interactive

	Without	With
Collecting from telephone companies the records of telephone calls made either in the U.S. by people suspected of Al Qaeda or terrorist activities		
Jul. 21-24, 2006	38	59
Monitoring of cell phones and e-mail to intercept the content of communications of people suspected of terrorist activity		
Jul. 21-24, 2006	35	62
Monitoring of international financial transactions to trace terrorist funding sources		
Jul. 21-24, 2006	35	63
Monitoring of the content of Internet discussions in chat rooms and other forums		
Jul. 21-24, 2006	31	66

Note: July 2006 numbers taken shortly before the attempted London plane bombing.

- The Bush administration has proposed several measures that might affect the civil liberties of some people. From what you've heard or read, do you think these proposals go too far, are they about right, don't they go far enough, or don't you know enough about them yet to say?

	Go Too Far	About Right	Don't Go Far Enough	Don't Know Enough
Dec. 7-10, 2001 CBS News/NYT	12	29	9	49

● How worried are you that some of these changes might apply to people like you – very worried, somewhat worried, not too worried, or not at all worried?

		Very Worried	Somewhat Worried	Not Too Worried	Not At All Worried
Dec. 7-10, 2001	CBS News/NYT	8	28	34	28

● Please tell me if you would favor or oppose each of the following as a means of preventing terrorist attacks in the United States. How about allowing police to stop people on the street at random to search their possessions?

		Favor	Oppose
Sep. 14-15, 2001	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	29	69

● Please tell me if you would favor or oppose each of the following actions in the United States for at least several years. How about making it easier for legal authorities to read mail, e-mail, or tap phones without the person's knowledge?

		Favor	Oppose
Oct. 19-21, 2001	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	37	60

● Now I'd like to ask you about some specific actions that the United States might take its efforts to fight terrorism and increase security. For each item that I read, please tell me whether you think that the United States is going too far, striking the right balance, or not going far enough in its efforts to increase security.

		Going Too Far	Striking the Right Balance	Not Going Far Enough
Dec. 8-10, 2001	NBC News/WSJ			
Wiretapping conversations between detained suspects and their lawyers without a court order while guaranteeing that the information obtained will not be used in court		34	44	14
Detaining as many as six hundred people without charging them with a crime or releasing their names		32	47	13
Trying suspected terrorists in military tribunals, in which there is a limited appeals process and there are special rules that can allow evidence and witnesses to be kept secret from the public		23	54	15
Interviewing as many as five thousand young men from Arab countries who are living in the United States legally to find out whether they have information about terrorist activities		16	63	17
Greater monitoring on the Internet and email by federal authorities investigating terrorism		14	56	23

● Do you think it should be legal or illegal for the federal government to wiretap conversations between people who are being held on terrorism charges and their lawyers?

		Legal	Illegal
Nov. 27, 2001	ABC News/Wash Post	73	24

- In general, do you think the protections in The Bill of Rights should apply only to American citizens or should they be extended to non-citizens living in this country as well?

		Only U.S. Citizens	Non- Citizens
Nov. 29-30, 2001	PSRA/Newsweek	51	42

- The U.S. government is detaining about 600 people in its investigation of the September 11th attacks, most of them overstaying their visas or otherwise violating immigration laws. Do you think the United States is or is not justified in detaining these people?

		Justified	Not Justified
Nov. 27, 2001	ABC News/Wash Post	86	12

- Racial profiling is a method of policing that uses appearances and other exterior factors to determine whether a person should be given extra scrutiny or questioned in connection with criminal investigations. Which is closer to your view on this type of policing: Using someone's appearance as a reason to question them for possible wrong-doing is un-American, unconstitutional and plain wrong or law enforcement officials must use whatever actions necessary to stop crime and protect American citizens?

		Unconstitutional And Wrong	Whatever Actions Necessary
Nov. 19-21, 2001	Penn/Schoen/Berland	43	45

- Do you think Americans who say U.S. policies were to blame for the terrorist attacks should or should not be allowed to express their views in the media?

		Should	Should Not
Oct. 1-3, 2001	PSRA/Pew Research Center	75	18

- Do you think the Americans who are protesting against the war are acting unpatriotic during a time of national crisis, or acting appropriately by expressing their opinions?

		Expressing Opinions	Acting Unpatriotic
Oct. 17-18, 2001	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	59	33

- Do you favor or oppose Congress immediately passing whatever laws the Attorney General and law enforcement officials say are needed to curb terrorists, even if such laws limit some civil liberties?

		Favor	Oppose
Oct. 3-4, 2001	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	65	20

- Do you think the federal government threatens your own personal rights and freedoms, or not?

		Yes	No
May 26-Jun. 15, 2000	NPR/Kaiser/Harvard	46	54
Oct. 31-Nov. 12, 2001	NPR/Kaiser/Harvard	30	67
Aug. 7-13, 2002	NPR/Kaiser/Harvard	32	63

- In general, do you think United States civilians and those who are not citizens but are here illegally should be treated the same way under the law, or should they be treated differently?

		Treated Same Way	Treated Differently
Dec. 7-10, 2001	CBS News/NYT	78	19

- Thinking about America's war in Afghanistan, which comes closer to your own point of view...it's wrong for Americans to publicly criticize the government's policy during a time of war or it's as important as ever that people speak their minds, even if they disagree with the government's policy.?

		Speak Mind	Wrong To Criticize
Jan. 2-23, 2002	Public Agenda	72	24

- Do you think requiring U.S. citizens to carry national identification cards is a good idea or a bad idea?

		Good Idea	Bad Idea
Jun. 18-19, 2002	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	62	26

- Please tell me if you would favor or oppose the government doing each of the following as a way to prevent terrorist attacks in the United States...require everyone in the U.S. to carry an identification card issued by the federal government?

		Favor	Oppose
Sep. 27, 2001	Harris Interactive	57	41

- How helpful do you think it would be to law enforcement officials in catching terrorists, if U.S. citizens were required to carry national identification cards?

		Very Helpful	Somewhat Helpful	Not Very Helpful	Not At All Helpful
Jun. 18-19, 2002	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	33	32	15	13

- Would you support or oppose a law requiring all adults in this country to carry a national identification card that includes information such as their photograph and social security number?

		Support	Oppose
Mar.11-Apr.16, 2002	ISR	73	27

- To enhance workplace security, how willing would you be to have an ID card issued by your employer that would have your photo, a biometric identifier (such as a fingerprint), and your basic personnel information stored on the card? (Asked of those who are employed full or part time)?

		Very Willing	Somewhat Willing	Not Very Willing	Not At All Willing
Mar. 27-Apr. 2, 2002	Harris Interactive	44	37	11	7

- Do you think the Bush administration will go too far, will do about right, or will not go far enough in restricting people's civil liberties in order to fight terrorism?

		Too Far	About Right	Not Far Enough
Jun. 21-23, 2002	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	24	53	19

- Do you favor or oppose the U.S. government's policy of holding American citizens without formal charges or trial in cases of suspected terrorism?

		Favor	Oppose
Jun. 19-23, 2002	PSRA/Pew Research Center	55	36

- How much, if at all, do you worry that this policy might weaken the protections built into the American legal system – a great deal, a fair amount, not much, or not at all?

		Great Deal	Fair Amount	Not Much	Not At All
Jun. 19-23, 2002	PSRA/Pew Research Center	22	31	28	15

- Which concerns you the most, the possibility of the FBI violating your constitutional rights or the possibility of additional terrorist attacks?

		Violating Rights	More Attacks
Jun. 3-6, 2002	Andres McKenna	20	62

● Police have begun random searches of bags and packages carried by people entering subways, trains, and buses in major U.S. cities, a new security measure announced after another round of bomb attacks in London. Do you think these safety precautions are better described as a necessary action given the times or a violation of civil liberties?

		Necessary Action	Violation of Civil Liberties
Jul. 26-27, 2005	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	76	9

● Do you think the random bag and package searches on certain public transportation systems around the country are mostly for show or are they effective ways to prevent future terrorist attacks?

		Searches Are For Show	Searches Are Effective	Not Sure
Jul. 26-27, 2005	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	26	60	14

● Do you think the random frisks and bag searches at airport security checkpoints are mostly for show, or are they effective ways to prevent future terrorist attacks?

		Searches Are For Show	Searches Are Effective	Not Sure
Apr. 16-17, 2002	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	41	45	14

● Would you personally mind having your bags or packages searched before entering public transportation?

		Yes	No
Jul. 26-27, 2005	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	13	85

● And which of the following comes closest to your point of view...I am more concerned with losing legal and privacy rights than with the threat of terrorism. I am equally concerned about both the threat of terrorism and losing legal and privacy rights. I am more concerned about the threat of terrorism than losing legal and privacy rights?

		More Concerned With Rights	Equally Concerned	More Concerned With Terrorism
Aug. 4-10, 2003	TIPP/IBD/CSM	17	49	31

● To combat terrorism, do you think the government should have access to travel, credit, and medical records of the following groups of people or not? As I read each one please say yes or no. OK?...All citizens?

		Yes	No
Aug. 4-10, 2003	TIPP/IBD/CSM	35	63

● To combat terrorism, do you think the government should have access to travel, credit, and medical records of the following groups of people or not? As I read each one please say yes or no. OK?...All non-citizens?

		Yes	No
Aug. 4-10, 2003	TIPP/IBD/CSM	69	28

● To combat terrorism, do you think the government should have access to travel, credit, and medical records of the following groups of people or not? As I read each one please say yes or no. OK?...People suspected of criminal activity?

		Yes	No
Aug. 4-10, 2003	TIPP/IBD/CSM	75	22

● For each individual or group I name, please tell me what kind of job you think it's done dealing with the events of September 11th and the war on terrorism – excellent, good, not so good or poor... The U.S. Justice Department?

		Excellent	Good	Not So Good	Poor
Sep .5- 8, 2002	ABC News	10	55	24	7

Sep. 4-7, 2003	ABC News	9	50	24	11
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- These days, if someone disagrees with the president's decisions on military issues, do you think it's okay to criticize him publicly, or should people not publicly criticize the president on military issues?

		Okay To Criticize	Not Okay To Criticize
Oct. 8, 2001	CBS News	41	54
Nov. 13-14, 2001	CBS News	55	40
Dec. 7-10, 2001	CBS News/NYT	58	39
Sep. 22-23, 2002	CBS News	60	37
Oct. 3-5, 2002	CBS News/NYT	64	32
Feb. 5-6, 2003	CBS News	62	34
Mar. 26-27, 2003	CBS News	54	41
Dec. 10-13, 2003*	CBS News/NYT	58	37
Dec. 14-15, 2003*	CBS News/NYT	64	30

NOTE: *Question wording was, "...issues relating to terrorism?"

- These days, if someone disagrees with the president's proposals on economic or other domestic issues, do you think it's okay to criticize him publicly, or should people not publicly criticize the president on economic or domestic issues?

		Okay To Criticize	Not Okay To Criticize
Oct. 8, 2001	CBS News	58	38
Nov. 13-14, 2001	CBS News	67	28
Dec. 7-10, 2002	CBS News/NYT	73	22
Sep. 22-23, 2002	CBS News	70	26
Oct. 3-5, 2002	CBS News/NYT	72	26

- And how would you rate the job Attorney General John Ashcroft is doing - excellent, pretty good, only fair or poor?

		Positive	Negative
Dec. 2001	Harris Interactive	65	23
Jan. 2002	Harris Interactive	64	23
Feb. 2002	Harris Interactive	59	26
Mar. 2002	Harris Interactive	57	27
Apr. 2002	Harris Interactive	61	24
May 2002	Harris Interactive	56	29
Jun. 2002	Harris Interactive	52	33
Jul. 2002	Harris Interactive	50	36
Aug. 2002	Harris Interactive	53	34
Sep. 2002	Harris Interactive	52	32
Oct. 2002	Harris Interactive	53	32
Nov. 2002	Harris Interactive	54	32
Nov. 2002	Harris Interactive	51	33
Feb. 2003	Harris Interactive	51	37
Apr. 2003	Harris Interactive	57	30
Jun. 2003	Harris Interactive	54	32
Aug. 2003	Harris Interactive	48	39
Oct. 2003	Harris Interactive	42	42
Dec. 2003	Harris Interactive	41	45
Dec. 2003	Harris Interactive	51	37
Feb. 2004	Harris Interactive	44	42
Apr. 2004	Harris Interactive	40	45
June 2004	Harris Interactive	43	41
Aug. 2004	Harris Interactive	42	44
Sept. 2004	Harris Interactive	40	49
Oct. 2004	Harris Interactive	46	47

Nov. 2004	Harris Interactive	45	49
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NOTE: Results combined.

- Do you approve or disapprove of the job John Ashcroft is doing as Attorney General?

		Approve	Disapprove
Nov. 28-29, 2001	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	69	8
Dec. 12-13, 2001	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	69	12
Jun. 4-5, 2002	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	59	18
Sep. 8-9, 2002	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	60	17

- I'm going to read you the names of several public figures and groups, and I'd like you to rate your feelings toward each one as either very positive, somewhat positive, neutral, somewhat negative, or very negative...John Ashcroft?

		Very Positive	Somewhat Positive	Neutral	Somewhat Negative	Very Negative
Jan. 13-15, 2001	NBC News/WSJ	8	12	26	8	14
Mar. 1-4, 2001	NBC News/WSJ	14	19	25	9	12
Dec. 8-10, 2001	NBC News/WSJ	29	28	15	5	8

- Do you approve or disapprove of the way the following people are handling the war on terrorism since September 11th? How about Attorney General John Ashcroft?

		Approve	Disapprove
Nov. 8-11, 2001	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	77	10
Dec. 6-9, 2001	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	76	14

Patriot Act

- As you may know, shortly after the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001, a law called the Patriot Act was passed which makes it easier for the federal government to get information on suspected terrorists through court-ordered wiretaps and searches. How familiar are you with the Patriot Act— very familiar, somewhat familiar, not too familiar or not at all familiar?

		Very familiar	Somewhat familiar	Not too familiar	Not at all familiar
Aug. 25-26, 2003	Gallup	10	40	25	25
Nov. 10-12, 2003	Gallup	12	41	25	22
Feb. 16-17, 2004	Gallup	13	46	27	14
Jan. 6-8, 2006	Gallup	17	59	18	6

- Based on what you have heard or read about the Patriot Act, do you think – all of its provisions should be kept, that it needs minor changes, that it needs major changes, or that it needs to be eliminated completely?

		Keep all provisions	Minor changes	Major changes	Eliminated completely
Jan. 6-8, 2006	Gallup	13	50	24	7

- After the 9/11 terrorist attacks, Congress passed the Patriot Act which, in part, gives federal officials wider authority to use wiretaps and other surveillance techniques. Some people say the Patriot Act is a necessary and effective tool in preventing terrorist attacks, while others say the act goes too far and could violate the civil liberties of average Americans. Which comes closer to your view - overall, would you say the Patriot Act is a good thing for America or a bad thing for America?

		Good	Bad
Jul. 29-30, 2003	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	55	27
Apr. 21-22, 2004	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	54	28
Jun. 14-15, 2005	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	57	30
Jan. 10-11, 2006	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	53	30

- Based on what you know, do you support or oppose extending the Patriot Act, which is scheduled to expire in one year?

		Support Extending	Oppose	Not Sure
Apr. 21-22, 2004	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	53	32	15
Jun. 14-15, 2005	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	56	31	12
Jan. 10-11, 2006*	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	57	31	11

NOTE: * Language of the question has changed to now read “extending the Patriot Act when it comes up for renewal”

- Based on what you have read or heard, do you think the Patriot Act goes too far, is about right, or does not go far enough in restricting people’s civil liberties in order to investigate suspected terrorism?

		Goes Too Far	About Right	Not Far Enough
Jun. 24-26, 2005	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	30	41	21
Dec. 16-18, 2005	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	34	44	18

- How much have you heard or read about the USA Patriot Act, adopted in 2001, which is now up for renewal in Congress— a lot, some, not much, or nothing so far?

		A Lot	Some	Not Much	Nothing
Apr. 23-27, 2004	CBS News/NYT	12	17	28	30
Apr. 13-16, 2005	CBS News	13	28	28	29
Jan. 5-8, 2006	CBS News	16	33	27	23

- Some people say the Patriot Act is a necessary tool that helps the government find terrorists, while others say it goes too far and is a threat to civil liberties. Which comes closer to your view— Is the Patriot Act a necessary tool that helps the government find terrorists or does it go too far and pose a threat to civil liberties? (Asked of those who had heard “a lot” or “some” about the Patriot Act in the question above.)

		Necessary Tool	Goes Too Far
Apr. 23-27, 2004	CBS News/NYT	52	42
Apr. 13-16, 2005	CBS News	49	45
Jan. 5-8, 2006	CBS News	53	42

- Do you think the Patriot Act has helped prevent terrorist attacks in the United States or not?

		Yes	No
Jun. 14-15, 2005	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	50	35
Jan. 10-11, 2006	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	59	29

- As you may know, after the September 11 terrorist attacks, Congress passed the Patriot Act which gave the government greater powers to access records, perform wiretaps and use other means to locate terrorists. Congress will be voting on whether to reauthorize some provisions of the bill that will expire this year. Do you agree more with those who say Congress should reauthorize those provisions because they have been effective in preventing terrorist attacks, or do you agree more with those who say those provisions should be allowed to expire because they may violate civil liberties?

		Reauthorize	Expire
Jan. 22-25, 2006	LA Times/Bloomberg	59	33

Domestic Surveillance

- As you may know, after 9/11 new laws have increased the federal government’s ability to use wiretaps and other surveillance techniques on U.S. citizens. Do you think the federal government has used those changes responsibly, or do you think the federal government has used those changes to violate the civil liberties of some U.S. citizens?

		Used responsibly	Violated liberties
Aug. 6-8, 2007	CNN/ORC	48	47

● As you may know, after 9/11 new laws have increased the federal government's ability to use wiretaps and other surveillance techniques on U.S. citizens. How worried are you that the federal government will use those changes to violate the civil liberties of some U.S. citizens – very worried, somewhat worried, not too worried, or not worried at all?

		Very worried	Somewhat worried	Not too worried	Not worried at all
Aug. 6-8, 2007	CNN/ORC	23	26	21	30

● Some people support the use of surveillance cameras in public places as a way to help solve crimes. Others say these cameras go too far as a government intrusion on personal privacy. What's your opinion – do you support or oppose the increased use of surveillance cameras in public places?

		Support	Oppose
Jul. 18-21, 2007	ABC News/Washington Post	71	25

● Some people support increasing the use of surveillance cameras in public spaces because they think it would help stop or catch terrorists and other criminals. Other people oppose increasing the use of surveillance cameras because they think it would violate the privacy of law-abiding citizens. Which of these positions is closer to your own? 1. Support increasing the use of surveillance cameras 2. Oppose increasing the use of surveillance cameras. 3. Combination/Depends

		Support	Oppose	Combination
Jul. 17-18, 2007	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	58	28	11

● How concerned are you that the government is using surveillance technologies like cameras and monitoring of personal information to get private information about you?

		Very concerned	Somewhat concerned	Not very concerned	Not at all concerned
Jul. 17-18, 2007	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	29	26	18	25

● Based on what you may know about this program to obtain telephone traffic records, would you say that you favor or oppose this government program?

		Favor	Oppose
Jul. 21-24, 2006	Harris Interactive	60	35

● Thinking about the government's anti-terrorist surveillance programs, such as monitoring phone calls, emails and bank transactions, would you mind if you found out that your own phone calls, emails, and/or bank transactions were being monitored by the U.S. government, or not? (If would mind) Would it bother you a lot, or only a little?

		Wouldn't mind	Would mind a lot	Would mind a little
Jul. 28-Aug. 1, 2006	LA Times/Bloomberg	49	38	12

● Which worries you more—that the United States will not go far enough in monitoring the activities and communications of potential terrorists living in the United States, or that the United States will go too far and violate the privacy rights of average citizens?

		Not far enough	Too far
Dec. 2001	NBC/WSJ	55	31
Jul. 2006	NBC/WSJ	43	45

● As part of a larger program to detect possible terrorist activity, do you support or oppose the National Security Agency collecting data on domestic phone calls and looking at calling patterns of Americans without listening in or recording the calls?

		Support	Oppose
May 16-18, 2006	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	52	41

- Do you think the NSA program to collect phone call records and analyze calling patterns of Americans without listening in on conversations is more likely: 1. To help catch terrorists and protect Americans from additional attacks, or 2. To hurt law-abiding Americans by using private information improperly?

		Help	Hurt
May 16-18, 2006	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	49	40

- Do you approve or disapprove of the government collecting the phone call records of people in the U.S. in order to reduce the threat of terrorism?

		Approve	Disapprove
May 16-17, 2006	CBS News	51	44

- Do you think collecting the records of phone calls made in the United States will or will not be effective in reducing the threat of terrorism?

		Will be effective	Will not
May 16-17, 2006	CBS News	46	43

- Not all major telephone companies have agreed to share this information with the government. Do you think phone companies should share information about the calling patterns of their costumers with the government, or is that an invasion of privacy?

		Should	No, should not
May 16-17, 2006	CBS News	32	60

- How concerned are you, personally, that the government might have your own phone call records—are you very concerned, somewhat concerned, not very concerned, or not at all concerned?

		Very concerned	Somewhat concerned	Not very concerned	Not at all concerned
May 16-17, 2006	CBS News	8	17	21	53

- Based on what you have heard or read about this program to collect phone records, would you say you approve or disapprove of this government program?

		Approve	Disapprove
May 12-13, 2006	Gallup/USA Today	43	51

- Based on what you have heard or read about this program [to collect phone records], do you think it definitely violates the law, probably violates the law, probably does not violate the law, or definitely does not violate the law?

		Definitely violates the law	Probably violates the law	Probably does not violate the law	Definitely does not violate the law
May 12-13, 2006	Gallup/USA Today	22	32	25	14

- If you knew that the federal government had your telephone records, how concerned would you be—very concerned, somewhat concerned, not too concerned, or not concerned at all?

		Very concerned	Somewhat concerned	Not too concerned	Not at all concerned
May 12-13, 2006	Gallup/USA Today	22	13	20	44

- If you knew that your telephone company had provided your telephone records to the federal government as part of this program, would you feel that your personal privacy had been violated, or not?

		Yes	No
May 12-13, 2006	Gallup/USA Today	57	42

- How concerned are you that based on this program, the government would misidentify innocent Americans as possible terrorist suspects?

		Very concerned	Somewhat concerned	Not too concerned	Not at all concerned
May 12-13, 2006	Gallup/USA Today	36	29	21	14

- How concerned are you that based on this program, the government would listen in on telephone conversations within the U.S. without first obtaining a warrant?

		Very concerned	Somewhat concerned	Not too concerned	Not at all concerned
May 12-13, 2006	Gallup/USA Today	41	22	17	19

- How concerned are you that based on this program, the government is gathering information on the general public, such as their bank records or Internet usage?

		Very concerned	Somewhat concerned	Not too concerned	Not at all concerned
May 12-13, 2006	Gallup/USA Today	45	22	15	17

- Now on another subject ... As you may know, there are reports that the NSA, a government intelligence agency, has been collecting the phone call records of Americans. The agency doesn't actually listen to the calls but logs in nearly every phone number to create a database of calls made within the United States. Which of the following comes CLOSER to your own view of this domestic surveillance program...It is a necessary tool to combat terrorism, it goes too far in invading people's privacy?

		Necessary tool	Goes too far
May 11-12, 2006	PSRA/Newsweek	41	53

- It's been reported that the National Security Agency has been collecting the phone call records of tens of millions of Americans. It then analyzes calling patterns in an effort to identify possible terrorism suspects, without listening to or recording the conversations. Would you consider this an acceptable or unacceptable way for the federal government to investigate terrorism? Do you feel that way strongly or somewhat?

		Acceptable	Unacceptable
May 11, 2006	ABC News/Wash Post	63	35

- If you found out that the NSA had a record of phone numbers that you yourself have called, would that bother you, or not?

		Yes	No
May 11, 2006	ABC News/Wash Post	34	66

- As you may know, the National Security Agency has been investigating people suspected of involvement with terrorism by secretly listening in on telephone calls and reading e-mails between some people in the United States and other countries, without first getting court approval to do so. Would you consider this wiretapping of telephone calls and e-mails without court approval as an acceptable or unacceptable way for the federal government to investigate terrorism?

		Acceptable	Unacceptable
Jan. 23-26, 2006	ABC News/Washington Post	56	43
Mar. 2-5, 2006	ABC News/Washington Post	54	46

- As you may know, the Bush administration has been wiretapping telephone conversations between U.S. citizens living in the United States and suspected terrorists living in other countries without getting a court order allowing it to do so. How closely have you been following the news about this – very closely, somewhat closely, not too closely, or not at all?

		Very closely	Somewhat Closely	Not too closely	Not at all
Jan. 6-8, 2006	Gallup	29	46	16	9
Jan. 20-22, 2006	Gallup	31	38	17	12
Feb. 9-12, 2006	Gallup	32	41	18	8

- As you may know, the Bush administration has been wiretapping telephone conversations between U.S. citizens living in the United States and suspected terrorists living in other countries without getting a court order allowing it to do so. Do you think the Bush administration was right or wrong in wiretapping these conversations without obtaining a court order?

		Right	Wrong
Jan. 6-8, 2006	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	50	46
Jan. 20-22, 2006	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	46	51
Feb. 9-12, 2006	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	47	50
Sep. 15-17, 2006	Gallup/USA Today	55	42

- Now I will read a list of some stories covered by news organizations this past month. As I read each item, tell me if you happened to follow this news story very closely, fairly closely, not too closely, or not at all closely...President Bush authorizing wiretaps on Americans suspected of having terrorist ties?

		Very closely	Somewhat closely	Not too closely	Not at all
Jan. 2006	Pew Research	32	32	18	17
Feb. 1-5, 2006	Pew Research	37	33	16	13

- Overall, how confident do you feel that U.S. law enforcement will use its expanded surveillance powers in what you would see as a proper way, under the circumstances of terrorist threats? Would you say very confident, somewhat confident, not very confident, or not confident at all?

		Very Confident	Somewhat Confident	Not Very Confident	Not Confident
Sep. 19-24, 2001	Harris Interactive	34	53	8	4
Mar. 13-19, 2002	Harris Interactive	12	61	17	6
Feb. 12-16, 2003	Harris Interactive	22	52	14	9
Feb. 9-16, 2004	Harris Interactive	23	53	15	9

- Overall, thinking about the possibility of terrorist threats, do you feel that U.S. law enforcement is using its expanded surveillance powers in a proper way, or not?

		Proper Way	Not a proper way
June 2005	Harris Interactive	57	34
Feb. 2006	Harris Interactive	57	40

- Would you consider this wiretapping of telephone calls and e-mails without court approval as an acceptable or unacceptable way for the federal government to investigate terrorism? Do you feel that way strongly or somewhat?

		–Acceptable–		–Unacceptable–	
		Strongly	Somewhat	Somewhat	Strongly
Jan. 5-8, 2006	ABC News/Wash Post	35	15	14	33
Jan. 23-26, 2006	ABC News/Wash Post	38	17	10	33
Mar. 2-5, 2006	ABC News/Wash Post	39	15	13	32

- After 9/11, President Bush authorized government wiretaps on some phone calls in the U.S. without getting court warrants, saying this was necessary in order to reduce the threat of terrorism. Do you approve or disapprove of the president doing this?

		Approve	Disapprove
Jan. 20-25, 2006	CBS News/NYT	53	46
Feb. 22-26, 2006	CBS News	51	47

- After 9/11, President Bush authorized government wiretaps on some phone calls in the U.S. without getting court warrant. Do you approve or disapprove of the president doing this?

		Approve	Disapprove
Jan. 20-25, 2006	CBS News/NYT	46	50
Feb. 22-26, 2006	CBS News	46	50

- In order to reduce the threat of terrorism, would you be willing or not willing to allow government agencies to monitor the telephone calls and e-mails of Americans that the government is suspicious of?

		Willing	Not willing
Jan. 20-25, 2006	CBS News/NYT	68	29
May 16-17, 2006	CBS News	69	26
Aug. 17-21, 2006	CBS News/NYT	76	21

- Do you think the President should or should not have the power to authorize the National Security Agency to monitor electronic communications of suspected terrorists without getting warrants, even if one end of the communication is in the United States?

		Should	Should Not
Jan. 10-11, 2006	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	58	36
Feb. 7-8, 2006	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	54	40

- Do you think it is generally right or wrong for the government to monitor telephone and e-mail communications of Americans suspected of having terrorist ties without first obtaining permission from the courts?

		Generally Right	Generally Wrong
Jan. 4-8, 2006	PSRA/Pew Research Center	48	47
Feb. 1-5, 2006	Pew Research Center	54	43
Sep. 6-10, 2006	PSRA/Pew Research Center	54	41
Sep. 21-Oct. 4, 2006	PSRA/Pew Research Center	53	42
Feb. 20-24, 2008	PSRA/Pew Research Center	52	44

- Do you think the Bush administration was right or wrong in wiretapping these conversations without obtaining a court order?

		Right	Wrong
Jan. 6-8, 2006	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	50	46
Jan. 20-22, 2006	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	46	51
Feb. 9-12, 2006	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	47	50

- As you may know, George W. Bush authorized federal government agencies to use electronic surveillance to monitor phone calls and emails within the United States without first getting a court warrant to do so. Do you consider this an acceptable or unacceptable way for the federal government to investigate terrorism?

		Acceptable	Unacceptable
Jan. 22-25, 2006	LA Times/Bloomberg	49	45
Apr. 8-11, 2006	LA Times/Bloomberg	48	47
Jul. 28-Aug. 1, 2006	LA Times/Bloomberg	49	48

- In general, how much confidence do you have that government agencies are able to correctly tell whose phone calls and emails should be monitored and whose should not – do you have a great deal of confidence, a fair amount, not very much, or none at all?

		Great deal	Fair amount	Not much	None at all
Jan. 20-25, 2006	CBS News/NYT	10	48	28	13
Feb. 22-26, 2006	CBS News	11	40	31	16

Money Transfers

- As you may know, it was recently revealed that the U.S. government has been monitoring international money transfers, including those originating in the United States. The Bush administration says the program helps in tracking the movements of terrorists. Critics say it could violate privacy rights of innocent citizens. Do you consider this to be an acceptable, or unacceptable, way for the government to investigate terrorism?

		Acceptable	Unacceptable
July. 28-Aug. 1, 2006	LA Times/Bloomberg	65	30

- Do you support or oppose the U.S. Treasury Security Department tracking suspected terrorist financing through a secret program that looks at money transfers?

Jun. 27-28, 2006	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	Support 70	Oppose 21
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- Do you think credit card companies should share information about buying patterns of their customers with the government, or is that an invasion of privacy?

May 16-17, 2006	CBS News	Should 25	No, should not 70
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- Do you support or oppose the U.S. Treasury Secretary Department tracking suspected terrorist financing through a secret program that looks at money transfers?

Jun. 27-28, 2006	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	Support 70	Oppose 21
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MEDIA PERFORMANCE: THE WAR ON TERRORISM: In September 2001, 89 percent said they thought the press was doing an excellent or good job covering the terrorist attacks and the war against terrorism. When Pew last repeated the question, in an April-May 2002 poll, 77 percent gave that response. Right after President Bush issued an ultimatum to Saddam Hussein in mid-March 2003, 80 percent gave the press high marks for its coverage of the war in Iraq in a Pew survey. Americans want war coverage to be neutral, not pro-American.

- Recently, some classified national security information was reported by the news media. Who do you think is more to blame for this—the government employees for leaking the information or the media for reporting the information?

Jun. 27-28, 2006	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	Employees 51	The media 28	Both 17
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- Do you think news organizations that report and publish information about national security secrets that may make it easier for terrorists to operate should face criminal charges?

Jun. 27-28, 2006	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	Yes 66	No 27
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- Do you think news organizations that report and publish information about national security secrets are committing treason or operating for the public good?

Jun. 27-28, 2006	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	Treason 43	Public good 37
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- Do you think government employees who leak classified national security secrets should face criminal charges?

Jun. 27-28, 2006	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	Yes 87	No 8
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- What do you think is more important to most news organizations—getting scoops and reporting stories or keeping national security information secret?

Jun. 27-28, 2006	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	Scoops 68	Secrets 21
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- What do you think should be more important to the news organizations—getting scoops or keeping national security information secret?

		Scoops	Secrets
Jun. 27-28, 2006	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	21	67

- The Bush administration asked the New York Times not to publish information about the secret government program tracking terrorist financing. The New York Times went ahead with the story and says it decided it was in the public interest to do so. By publishing the story, do you think the New York Times did more to help the American public or more to help terrorist groups like Al Qaeda?

		Americans	Terrorists
Jun. 27-28, 2006	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	27	60

- In investigations of possible terrorist activity, do you believe the government is doing a good job or a bad job protecting the privacy of ordinary Americans?

		Good job	Bad job
May 16-18, 2006	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	49	38
Jun. 27-28, 2006	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	55	37

- Generally speaking, do you think the media are behaving responsibly, or irresponsibly, when it comes to balancing national security with the rights of Americans to know what is going on with government agencies using different forms of surveillance?

		Responsibly	Irresponsibly
Jul. 28-Aug. 1, 2006	LA Times/Bloomberg	38	54

- In general, how would you rate the job the press has done in covering the terrorist attacks and the war against terrorism/excellent, good, only fair, or poor?

		Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor
Sep. 13-17, 2001	PSRA/Pew Research Center	56	33	6	3
Oct. 1-3, 2001	PSRA/Pew Research Center	48	37	10	3
Oct. 10-14, 2001	PSRA/Pew Research Center	32	42	17	6
Nov. 13-19, 2001	PSRA/Pew Research Center	30	47	16	5
Dec. 10-16, 2001	PSRA/Pew Research Center	32	45	15	5
Apr. 26-May 12, 2002	PSRA/Pew Research Center	29	48	17	4

NOTE: For more information about Americans' attitudes toward the media, see the Pew Research Center's online report, "Terror Coverage Boosts News Media's image" at <http://www.people-press.org/112801rpt.htm>

- In general, how would you rate the job the press has done in covering the war in Iraq...excellent, good, only fair, or poor?

		Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor
Mar. 20-22, 2003	PSRA/Pew Research Center	42	38	11	4
Mar. 23-24, 2003	PSRA/Pew Research Center	34	42	14	5
Mar. 25-27, 2003	PSRA/Pew Research Center	34	41	16	7
Mar. 28-Apr. 1, 2003	PSRA/Pew Research Center	32	40	16	9
Apr. 2-7, 2003	PSRA/Pew Research Center	32	42	15	9
Jun. 19-Jul. 2, 2003*	PSRA/Pew Research Center	22	42	25	9

NOTE: *Question wording was, "...news about the current situation in Iraq?"

- Now I will a list of some stories covered by news organizations this past month. As I read each item, tell me if you happened to follow this news story very closely, fairly closely, not too closely, or not at all closely...The U.S. military effort in Afghanistan?

		Very Closely	Fairly Closely	Not Too Closely	Not At All Closely
Oct. 10-14, 2001	PSRA/Pew Research Center	51	35	10	3

Oct. 31-					
Nov. 7, 2001	PSRA/Pew Research Center	45	36	12	6
Nov. 13-19, 2001	PSRA/Pew Research Center	49	36	11	3
Dec. 10-16, 2001	PSRA/Pew Research Center	44	38	12	5
Jan. 9-13, 2002	PSRA/Pew Research Center	51	35	9	4
Feb. 12-18, 2002	PSRA/Pew Research Center	47	39	8	5
Apr. 3-8, 2002	PSRA/Pew Research Center	45	37	12	5
Apr. 26-					
May 12, 2002	PSRA/Pew Research Center	39	39	13	8
Jun. 19-23, 2002	PSRA/Pew Research Center	38	32	20	9
Jul. 8-16, 2002	PSRA/Pew Research Center	41	38	13	7

- In your opinion, which is better... that news coverage of a war be pro-American or that news coverage of a war be neutral?

		Pro-American	Neutral
Nov. 13-19, 2001	PSRA/Pew Research Center	30	64
Feb. 12-18, 2003	PSRA/Pew Research Center	16	78
Mar. 28-Apr. 1, 2003	PSRA/Pew Research Center	25	68
Apr. 2-7, 2003	PSRA/Pew Research Center	23	69
Jun 19-Jul.2., 2003	PSRA/Pew Research Center	29	64
Jun. 8-12, 2005	PSRA/Pew Research Center	24	68

- Some people think that by criticizing the military, news organizations weaken the country's defenses. Others think that such criticism helps keep our nation militarily prepared. Which position is closer to your opinion?

		Weakens Defenses	Keeps Nation Prepared
Jun. 22-Jul.13, 1985	PSRA/Pew Research Center	31	51
Dec. 27, 1986-Jan. 4, 1987	PSRA/Pew Research Center	31	57
Aug. 9-28, 1989	PSRA/Pew Research Center	33	56
Mar. 14-19, 1991	PSRA/Pew Research Center	28	59
Nov. 13-19, 2001	PSRA/Pew Research Center	37	49
Jul. 8-16, 2002	PSRA/Pew Research Center	40	49
Jun. 19-Jul. 2, 2003	PSRA/Pew Research Center	43	45
Jun. 8-12, 2005	PSRA/Pew Research Center	47	44

- Do you think the military should exert more control over how news organizations report about the war or do you think that most decisions about how to report about the war should be left to the news organizations themselves?

		Give Military More Control	News Organizations Should Decide
Oct. 12, 2001	PSRA/Pew Research Center	59	28
Nov. 13-19, 2001	PSRA/Pew Research Center	50	40
Feb. 12-18, 2003	PSRA/Pew Research Center	40	50

- Do you approve or disapprove of the job the media is doing covering the war on terrorism?

		Approve	Disapprove
Oct. 31-Nov. 1, 2001	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	45	46

- Do you approve or disapprove of the way the following people are handling the war on terrorism since September 11th? How about the news media?

		Approve	Disapprove
Nov. 8-11, 2001	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	43	54
Dec. 6-9, 2001	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	59	38

- Please tell me whether or not you think the following phrase applies to the U.S. news media's coverage of the Iraq war - "fair and reliable." Does this apply to the U.S. news media's coverage of the Iraq war, or not?

		Yes	No
Mar. 27-28, 2003	PSRA/Newsweek	66	26
Apr. 10-11, 2003	PSRA/Newsweek	70	23

- In general, how would you rate the job the news organizations in this country have done in covering the situation in the Mideast concerning the war with Iraq? Would you say it has been excellent, good, only fair, or poor?

		Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor
Mar. 22-23, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	52	32	10	5

- Do you think the media coverage of the Bush administration and its handling of the war in Afghanistan has been too critical of Bush and the administration, not critical enough of Bush and the administration, or has it been about right?

		Too Critical	Not Critical Enough	About Right
Oct. 31-Nov. 1, 2001	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	25	12	54

- Do you think each of the following is currently a problem or not a problem in how information is provided about the war against terrorism?

			Problem	Not Problem
Oct. 12, 2001	Harris Interactive			
	The government withholding too much information from the media and the American public		24	72
	The media providing too much detailed information about U.S. military actions		68	30

- Thinking about the news coverage of the campaign against terrorism, do you think the Bush administration and the military have been cooperative enough in providing information to the news media, or not?

		Cooperative Enough	Not Cooperative Enough
Oct. 5-6, 2001	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	88	11

- If you had to pick, which of these would you say is more important - the right to a free press in this country or the government's ability to keep military secrets in wartime?

		Free Press	Military Secrets
Jan. 8-12, 2003	ABC News	34	60

- Specifically in a time of war, do you think the news media have more of an obligation to support how the government carries out the war or more of an obligation to question how the government carries out the war?

		Support	Question
Jan. 8-12, 2003	ABC News	56	36

- Again, specifically in time of war, do you think the government should or should not have the right to prohibit the news media from reporting sensitive military information?

		Should	Should not
Jan. 8-12, 2003	ABC News	66	31

- In covering the war on terrorism, do you think the news media have been too supportive of the Bush administration, too critical of the Bush administration, or about right? (Half sample)

		Too Supportive	About Right	Too Critical
Jan. 8-12, 2003	ABC News	19	60	15

- In covering the possibility of war with Iraq, do you think the news media have been too supportive of the Bush administration, too critical of the Bush administration, or about right? (Half sample)

		Too Supportive	About Right	Too Critical
Jan. 8-12, 2003	ABC News	13	61	17

- Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the way newspapers and television channels have been reporting on U.S. military operations in Iraq?

		Approve	Disapprove
Mar. 25-26, 2003	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	56	33
Apr. 8-9, 2003	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	52	39
Oct. 14-15, 2003	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	36	46

McCain V. OBAMA: *Who the public thinks can best handle the war on terror will be a critical issue in the upcoming 2008 presidential election. We have begun to compile polling data on the topic. According to the July 2008 ABC News/Washington Post poll, McCain has a six point advantage, 49-43 percent. Most other polls show a larger lead for McCain.*

- Regardless of who you may support, who do you trust more to handle the U.S. campaign against terrorism?

		McCain	Obama
Mar. 2008	ABC News/Wash Post	58	33
May 2008	ABC News/Wash Post	55	34
Jun. 2008	ABC News/Wash Post	53	39
Jul. 2008	ABC News/Wash Post	49	43

- Regardless of who you support, which one of the presidential candidates—John McCain or Barack Obama—do you think would do the best job of defending the country from future terrorist attacks?

		McCain	Obama
Apr. 2008	PSRA/Pew	63	26
Jun. 2008	PSRA/Pew	55	31

- Which candidate would best be described by each of the following statements? Would best protect the U.S. against terrorism?

		McCain	Obama
Jun. 18-25, 2008	Time/ABT/SRBI	53	33

- Regardless of how you might vote, which candidate do you trust more to handle the following issues – Obama or McCain? Terrorism.

		McCain	Obama
Jun. 17-18, 2008	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	51	32

- If you had to choose, who do you think would do a better job on terrorism—Barack Obama or John McCain?

		McCain	Obama
Jun. 15-19, 2008	Gallup/USA Today	52	33

- Regardless of your choice for president, who would be best at protecting the country from terrorism: Barack Obama or John McCain?

		McCain	Obama
Jun. 19-23, 2008	LA Times/Bloomberg	49	32

BUSH V. KERRY ON TERRORISM: In the 2004 campaign, in most polls, George W. Bush led John Kerry in questions about who would do the best job of handling terrorism.

- Regardless of which presidential candidate you support, please tell me if you think John Kerry or George W. Bush would better handle each of the following issues. How about terrorism?

		Bush	Kerry
Mar. 5-7, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	60	33
May 7-9, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	55	38
June 21-23, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	54	40
July 19-21, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	56	38
July 30-31, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	54	42
July 30-Aug. 1, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	54	41
Aug. 23-25, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	54	37
Sept. 3-5, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	61	34
Sept. 24-26, 2004	Gallup/CNN/ USA Today	61	34
Oct. 1-3, 2004	Gallup/CNN/ USA Today	59	36
Oct. 9-10, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	56	39
Oct. 14-16, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	59	37
Oct. 22-24, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	57	39
Oct. 29-31, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	51	44

- Who do you trust to do a better job handling the U.S. campaign against terrorism, George W. Bush or John Kerry?

		Bush	Kerry
Feb. 10-11, 2004	ABC News/Wash Post	53	37
Mar. 4-7, 2004	ABC News/Wash Post	57	36
Apr. 15-18, 2004	ABC News/Wash Post	58	37
May. 20-23, 2004	ABC News/Wash Post	52	39
Jun. 17-20, 2004	ABC News/Wash Post	47	48
July 8-11, 2004	Washington Post	51	42
July 22-25, 2004	ABC News/Wash Post	55	37
July 30-Aug. 1, 2004	ABC News/Wash Post	48	45
Aug. 26-29, 2004	ABC News/Wash Post	56	38
Sept. 6-8, 2004	ABC News/Wash Post	57	35
Sept. 24-26, 2004	ABC News/Wash Post	54	37
Oct. 1-3, 2004	ABC News/Wash Post	54	38
Oct. 5-7, 2004	ABC News/Wash Post	55	40
Oct. 7-9, 2004	ABC News/Wash Post	56	37
Oct. 8-10, 2004	ABC News/Wash Post	56	37
Oct. 9-11, 2004	ABC News/Wash Post	55	37
Oct. 10-12, 2004	ABC News/Wash Post	53	38
Oct. 11-13, 2004	ABC News/Wash Post	52	39
Oct. 12-14, 2004	ABC News/Wash Post	54	38
Oct. 13-15, 2004	ABC News/Wash Post	55	37

Oct. 14-16, 2004	ABC News/Wash Post	57	35
Oct. 15-17, 2004	ABC News/Wash Post	56	36
Oct. 28-31, 2004	ABC News/Wash Post	52	40

- If John Kerry is elected President in November, how much confidence do you have that he would make the right decisions when it comes to protecting the country from terrorist attack– a lot, some, not much, or none at all?

		A Lot	Some	Not Much	None
Apr. 23-27, 2004	CBS News/NYT	29	45	13	9
June 23-27, 2004	CBS News/NYT	27	41	17	12
July 30-Aug. 1, 2004	CBS News	28	42	17	10
Aug. 15-18, 2004	CBS News	32	39	15	11
Sept. 6-8, 2004	CBS News	26	34	20	17
Sept. 12-16, 2004	CBS News/NYT	26	37	19	16
Sept. 20-22, 2004	CBS News	25	35	22	16
Oct. 1-3, 2004	CBS News	39	31	16	12
Oct. 9-11, 2004	CBS News	31	34	19	15
Oct. 14-17, 2004	CBS News/NYT	30	32	17	20
Oct. 28-30, 2004	CBS News/NYT	30	32	19	18

- If George W. Bush is re-elected President in November, how much confidence do you have that he would make the right decisions when it comes to protecting the country from terrorist attack – a lot, some, not much, or none at all?

		A Lot	Some	Not Much	None
Apr. 23-27, 2004	CBS News/NYT	43	32	12	12
June 23-27, 2004	CBS News/NYT	41	30	16	12
July 30-Aug. 1, 2004	CBS News	41	27	17	15
Aug. 15-18, 2004	CBS News	43	26	14	16
Sept. 6-8, 2004	CBS News	47	26	12	14
Sept. 12-16, 2004	CBS News	50	26	12	10
Sept. 20-22, 2004	CBS News	50	24	12	13
Oct. 1-3, 2004	CBS News	52	23	13	11
Oct. 9-11, 2004	CBS News	46	28	12	13
Oct. 14-17, 2004	CBS News/NYT	43	25	14	18
Oct. 28-30, 2004	CBS News/NYT	46	24	13	15

- Regardless of which presidential candidate your support, please tell me if you trust George W. Bush or John Kerry to do a better job handle each of the following issues. First, what about terrorism and homeland security? Which do you trust to do a better job handling this issue...Bush or Kerry?

		Bush	Kerry
Mar. 18-19, 2004	PSRA/Newsweek	56	35
July 29-30, 2004	PSRA/Newsweek	48	43
Sept. 2-3, 2004	PSRA/Newsweek	60	32
Sept. 9-10, 2004	PSRA/Newsweek	58	34
Sept. 30-Oct. 2, 2004	PSRA/Newsweek	52	40
Oct. 14-15, 2004	PSRA/Newsweek	54	38
Oct. 21-22, 2004	PSRA/Newsweek	55	37
Oct. 27-29, 2004	PSRA/Newsweek	56	37

- Which candidate do you think would do a better job on the following issues ... the war on terrorism?

		Bush	Kerry
Apr. 6-7, 2004	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	51	33
May 4-5, 2004	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	52	26
June 8-9, 2004	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	47	32
July 20-21, 2004	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	50	35
Aug. 3-4, 2004	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	44	38
Aug. 24-25, 2004	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	50	34
Sept. 7-8, 2004	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	51	36
Sept. 21-22, 2004	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	51	36

Oct. 3-4, 2004	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	49	37
Oct. 17-18, 2004	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	52	37
Oct. 27-28, 2004	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	53	37

- “He would be best at keeping the country safe from terrorism”: Does this apply more to George W. Bush or more to John Kerry?

		Bush	Kerry
July 17-21, 2004	L.A. Times	49	31
Aug. 21-24, 2004	L.A. Times	49	33
Sep. 25-28, 2004	L.A. Times	51	35
Oct. 21-24, 2004	L.A. Times	53	37

- Which candidate, Kerry or Bush, do you trust more to handle the war on terrorism?

		Bush	Kerry
July 20-22, 2004	SRB/Time	50	42
Aug. 3-5, 2004	SRB/Time	49	41
Aug. 24-26, 2004	SRB/Time	51	41
Aug. 31-Sept. 2, 2004	SRB/Time	57	36
Sept. 7-9, 2004	SRB/Time	58	35
Sept. 21-23, 2004	SRB/Time	54	36
Oct. 6-7, 2004	SRB/Time	53	38
Oct. 14-15, 2004	SRB/Time	51	40
Oct. 19-21, 2004	SRB/Time	56	37

- Now I would like to read you a list of issues that some people from this part of the country have said are important for the next President to deal with. Please listen as I read the list and tell me, for each one, who would do a better job of handling this issue...the war on terrorism, President George W. Bush or John Kerry?

		Bush	Kerry
Mar. 28-30, 2004	Battleground	57	37
June 20-23, 2004*	Battleground	55	36
Aug. 15-17, 2004*	Battleground	54	37
Sept. 12-16, 2004*	Battleground	58	33
Sept. 20-23, 2004*	Battleground	57	34
Sep. 27-30, 2004*	Battleground	58	33
Oct. 3-7, 2004*	Battleground	57	36
Oct. 11-14, 2004*	Battleground	57	35
Oct. 18-21, 2004*	Battleground	56	35
Oct. 25-28, 2004	Battleground	56	36

*NOTE: Question wording reads, “... safeguarding America from a terrorist threat”

- Regardless of who you support, which one of the presidential candidates, George W. Bush or John Kerry, do you think would do the best job of defending the country from future terrorist attacks?

		Bush	Kerry
Mar. 17-21, 2004	PSRA/Pew Research Center	57	32
Mar. 22-28, 2004	PSRA/Pew Research Center	53	29
May 3-9, 2004	PSRA/Pew Research Center	52	33
Aug. 5-10, 2004	PSRA/Pew Research Center	49	39
Sept. 8-14, 2004	PSRA/Pew Research Center	58	31
Sept. 22-26, 2004	PSRA/Pew Research Center	54	30
Oct. 1-3, 2004	PSRA/Pew Research Center	57	32
Oct. 15-19, 2004	PSRA/Pew Research Center	53	35

- Who do you trust to do a better job of protecting the country – George W. Bush or John Kerry?

		Bush	Kerry
Mar. 19-21, 2004	AP/Ipsos-Reid	58	35
Apr. 5-7, 2004	AP/Ipsos-Reid	53	37
Aug. 3-5, 2004	AP/Ipsos-Reid	52	43

- Regardless of how you intend to vote, who do you think would do a better job on terrorism - George W. Bush or John Kerry?

		Bush	Kerry
Mar. 16-22, 2004	Quinnipiac	59	30
July 18-22, 2004	Quinnipiac	52	35

NOTE: Asked of registered voters.

- Which candidate do you think would be more effective in fighting terrorism ... Kerry or Bush?

		Bush	Kerry
Jun. 2-4, 2004	Harris Interactive/Time/CNN	50	38

DEMOCRATS V. REPUBLICANS: After September 11th Republicans held a large advantage over Democrats when it came to which party the public thought was better at conducting the war on terrorism. This has changed. While Republicans are sometimes the preferred party, their advantage has eroded and in some cases disappeared and Democrats lead in some polls. In NBC News/Wall Street Journal's January 2008 poll the country was split with 31 percent of the public saying they thought Republicans would do a better job dealing with the war on terrorism. Thirty percent said Democrats would do a better job and 27 percent said "both."

- And who do you trust to do a better job of handling terrorism?

		Democrats	Republicans
Oct. 2-4, 2006	AP/AOL/Ipsos	41	41
Oct. 20-25, 2006	AP/AOL/Ipsos	40	43
Jan. 16-18, 2007	AP/AOL/Ipsos	42	44

- Next, please tell me if you think the Republican Party or the Democratic Party could do a better job in each of the following areas...which party would do a better job of dealing with the terrorist threat at home?

		Republicans	Democrats
Oct. 2002	PSRA/Pew Research Center	44	27
Jul. 2004	PSRA/Pew Research Center	45	30
Sep. 2005	PSRA/Pew Research Center	45	34
Feb. 2006	PSRA/Pew Research Center	46	30
Sep. 2006	PSRA/Pew Research Center	41	32
Oct. 2006	PSRA/Pew Research Center	39	33
Feb. 2008	PSRA/Pew Research Center	45	38

- Who do you trust to do a better job of protecting the nation against terrorism: the Democrats or the Republicans in Congress?

		Democrats	Republicans	Both	Neither
Jul. 28-Aug. 1, 2006	LA Times/Bloomberg	30	34	10	14

- Which party do you think can do a better job of handling national security and the war on terrorism?

		Democrats	Republicans
Jun. 24-27, 2006	LA Times/Bloomberg	30	39
Sep. 16-19, 2006	LA Times/Bloomberg	32	49

- Which party do you trust to do a better job protecting the country from terrorism, Democrats or Republicans?

		Trust Democrats	Trust Republicans	Both the Same	Neither
Jan. 10-11, 2006	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	30	43	11	9
Feb. 28-Mar. 1, 2006	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	33	38	10	12
Mar. 14-15, 2006	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	30	39	10	13
Aug. 29-30, 2006	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	33	37	10	12

- When it comes to dealing with the war on terrorism, which party do you think would do a better job—the Democratic Party, the Republican Party, or both about the same? If you think that neither would do a good job, please just say so.

		Democrats	Republicans	Both	Neither
Oct. 2002	NBC/WSJ	13	49	27	6
Dec. 2003	NBC/WSJ	20	46	19	9
Jan. 2004	NBC/WSJ	23	46	22	6
Dec. 2004	NBC/WSJ	24	42	22	7
Nov. 2005	NBC/WSJ	26	35	23	11
Jun. 2006	NBC/WSJ	27	33	23	12
Jan. 2007	NBC/WSJ	25	30	28	13
Jul. 2007	NBC/WSJ	29	29	20	18
Jan. 2008	NBC/WSJ	30	31	27	8

- Which political party, the Democrats or the Republicans, do you trust to do a better job handling the U.S. campaign against terrorism?

		Democrats	Republicans	Both	Neither
Jan. 23-26, 2006	ABC News/Wash Post	41	46	2	6
Mar. 2-5, 2006	ABC News/Wash Post	39	46	3	10
Apr. 6-9, 2006	ABC News/Wash Post	46	45	1	6
May 12-14, 2006	ABC News/Wash Post	46	41	2	8
Jun. 22-25, 2006	ABC News/Wash Post	39	46	2	10
Sep. 5-7, 2006	ABC News/Wash Post	41	48	1	7
Oct. 5-8, 2006	ABC News/Wash Post	47	41	4	6
Sep. 4-7, 2007	ABC News/Wash Post	39	36	4	17
Sep. 27-30, 2007	ABC News/Wash Post	41	40	5	10
Oct. 29-Nov. 1 2007	ABC News/Wash Post	41	42	4	9

- Who do you trust to do a better job handling the U.S. campaign against terrorism, Bush or the Democrats in Congress

		Bush	Democrats in Congress
Apr. 2003	ABC News/Wash Post	72	21
Jan. 2004	ABC News/Wash Post	60	31
Dec. 2006	ABC News/Wash Post	41	50
Jan. 2007	ABC News/Wash Post	40	52
Feb. 2007	ABC News/Wash Post	39	52
May-Jun. 2007	ABC News/Wash Post	40	46

- Which political party--the Democrats or the Republicans--do you think would do a better job on each of the following issues...Terrorism?

		Democrats	Republicans
Oct. 8-9, 2002	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	25	51
May 20-21, 2003	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	19	53

Feb. 18-19, 2004	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	29	52
Feb. 7-8, 2006	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	31	45
Jul. 11-12, 2006	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	30	42

- Please tell me which political party...the Republicans or the Democrats you trust to do a better job handling each of the following. Which party do you trust to do a better job handling this issue...the war against terrorism at home and abroad?

		Republicans	Democrats
Aug. 2-Sep. 1, 2002	PSRA/Newsweek	51	26
Oct. 24-25, 2006	PSRA/Newsweek	47	24
Aug. 10-11, 2006	PSRA/Newsweek	44	39
Oct. 5-6, 2006	PSRA/Newsweek	37	44

- Regardless of how you usually vote, do you think the Republican Party or the Democratic Party is more likely to make the right decisions when it comes to dealing with terrorism?

		Republican Party	Democratic Party	Both	Neither
Mar. 10-12, 2006	CBS News	42	32	4	7
Apr. 6-9, 2006	CBS News	45	31	6	5
May 4-8, 2006	CBS News/NYT	40	35	6	4
Aug. 11-13, 2006	CBS News	42	34	6	7
Sep. 15-19, 2006	CBS News/NYT	42	37	6	3
Oct. 5-8, 2006	CBS News/NYT	41	40	4	4

- Do you think the Republicans in Congress or the Democrats in Congress would do a better job of dealing with each of the following issues and problems...how about terrorism?

		Republicans	Democrats	No Difference
May 28-29, 2002	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	51	19	19
June 28-30, 2002	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	57	22	13
Sept. 20-22, 2002	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	56	27	10
Oct. 21-22, 2002	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	52	23	14
Jan. 3-5, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	55	27	13
July 18-20, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	55	29	10
Oct 21-23, 2005	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	49	38	9
Mar. 10-12, 2006	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	45	41	7

- Do you think the Republican Party or the Democratic Party would do a better job of dealing with each of the following issues and problems? How about terrorism?

		Republican Party	Democratic Party
Jan. 11-14, 2002	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	61	23
Jan. 9-11, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	60	30
Nov. 27-Dec. 2, 2007	Gallup/USA Today	48	38

- Now I would like to read you a list of issues and for each one please tell me whether you think the Republican Party or the Democratic Party would do a better job handling that particular issue...the war on terrorism?

		Republicans	Democrats	Neither	Both
Dec. 15, 17-18, 2005	NPR	46	37	5	2

- Now I would like to read you a list of issues and for each one please tell me whether you think George W. Bush or Democratic Party would do a better job handling that particular issue...the war on terrorism?

		Bush	Democrats	Neither	Both
Dec. 15, 17-18, 2005	NPR	53	36	6	1

- Who do you trust to do a better job protecting the nation against terrorism: George W. Bush or the Democrats in Congress?

		Bush	Democrats	Both equally	Neither
Jan. 22-25, 2006	LA Times/Bloomberg	45	32	4	9

- Now I would like to read you a list of issues and for each one please tell me whether you think George W. Bush or Democratic Party would do a better job handling that particular issue...the war on terrorism?

		Bush	Democrats	Neither	Both
Dec. 15, 17-18, 2005	NPR	53	36	6	1

- Now I would like to read you a list of issues and for each one please tell me whether you think George W. Bush or Democratic Party would do a better job handling that particular issue...the war on terrorism?

		Bush	Democrats	Neither	Both
Dec. 15, 17-18, 2005	NPR	53	36	6	1

ROGUE STATES: NORTH KOREA AND IRAN: Pollsters have been exploring public attitudes toward Iran with some detail. North Korea has received attention as well. Surveys indicate that the vast majority of American citizens believe that Iran is developing a nuclear program for the purpose of developing weapons.

Many pollsters are asking questions about what to do about these situations. We are skeptical of hypothetical questions of this sort because we don't think Americans think in hypothetical terms. Americans prefer to start with negotiations, and they also prefer to act with our allies when that is possible. We know at this point that Americans do not trust North Korea or Iran. A February 2008 Gallup poll listed those two countries as two of the greatest enemies of the United States. Beyond this, we cannot go.

North Korea

- Do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling the situation with North Korea?

		Approve	Disapprove
Jul. 2006	CBS News/NYT	40	35
Nov. 2006	CBS News/NYT	44	36

- Which of these comes closest to your opinion: 1) North Korea's development of weapons is a threat to the United States that requires military action right now; 2) North Korea's development of weapons is a threat that can be contained for now; or 3) North Korea's development of weapons is not a threat to the United States at all?

		Action Now	Can be Contained	Not a Threat
Jul. 21-25, 2006	CBS News/NYT	16	69	10
Oct. 27-31, 2006	CBS News/NYT	13	72	10

- Now I'd like your overall opinion of some foreign countries. First, is your overall opinion of North Korea very favorable, mostly favorable, mostly unfavorable, or very unfavorable?

		Total favorable	Total unfavorable
Nov. 2000	Gallup	26	63
Feb. 2001	Gallup	31	59

Feb. 2002	Gallup	23	65
Feb. 2003	Gallup	12	80
Mar. 2003	Gallup	8	86
Feb. 2004	Gallup	12	83
Feb. 2005	Gallup	13	80
Feb. 2006	Gallup	10	81
Feb. 2007	Gallup	12	82
Feb. 2008	Gallup	12	82

- Which one, if any, of the following countries do you think is the greatest threat to global stability?

Mar-Apr. 2008	Harris/Financial Times
China	31
Iran	16
United States	15
Iraq	13
North Korea	12

Note: Only the top five shown.

- As you may know, the United States has recently reached a deal with North Korea that would normalize relations between the two countries and includes food and fuel aid for North Korea. In return, North Korea would suspend its nuclear weapons program. Do you think that this agreement will make a real difference or will not make a real difference in ending North Korea's nuclear weapons program?

		Will	Will not
Mar. 2007	NBC/WSJ	30	62

- Now I'd like your overall opinion of some foreign countries. First, is your overall opinion of North Korea very favorable, mostly favorable, mostly unfavorable, or very unfavorable?

		Favorable	Unfavorable
Feb. 2007	Gallup	12	82

- Next, please tell me if you think the Republican party of the Democratic party could do a better job in each of the following areas...dealing with North Korea?

		Republicans	Democrats
Oct. 17-22, 2006	PSRA/Pew Research Center	36	35

- Do you think the situation in Iraq has led the United States to be less aggressive with North Korea and Iran than it should be?

		Yes	No
Jul. 11-12, 2006	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	54	37

- Do you approve or disapprove of the job President Bush is doing in handling of the North Korean missile testing situation?

		Approve	Disapprove
Jul. 13-17, 2006	SRB/Time	44	39

- Please tell me whether you approve or disapprove of the job that George W. Bush is doing in handling each of the following international situations?

Jul. 21-24, 2006	NBC/WSJ		
		Approve	Disapprove
The military conflict between Israel and the Lebanese group Hezbollah		45	39
North Korea's missile tests		43	41
Iran's nuclear energy program		38	46

- Do you think the situation in Iraq has led the United States to be less aggressive with North Korea and Iran than it should be?

		Yes	No
Jul. 11-12, 2006	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	54	37

- Overall, taking into consideration everything you have heard or read about the situation with North Korea, do you think North Korea will be stopped from using its nuclear weapons through diplomatic solution , or only through military action, or do you think North Korea cannot be stopped from using its nuclear weapons?

		Stopped through diplomacy	Stopped through action	Can't be stopped
Jul. 28-Aug. 1, 2006	LA Times/Bloomberg	32	27	30

- What country do you think is more likely to start a nuclear war—Iran or North Korea?

		Iran	North Korea	Both	Neither
Jul. 11-12, 2006	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	33	34	14	11

- How confident are you that U.S. intelligence agencies are getting accurate information on the plans and activities of the Iranian and North Korean governments?

		Confident	Not confident
Jul. 11-12, 2006	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	60	36

- Which of the following do you think poses the greatest threat to the safety of the United States today?

		Iran	North Korea	Al Qaeda	All
Jun. 27-28, 2006	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	17	22	33	19

- Which country do you think poses the greatest danger to the United States right now?

		Iran	North Korea	China	Russia	France
Jun. 27-29, 2006	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	39	32	12	1	1

Iran

- What single country do you consider to be the greatest threat to stability in the world?

Gallup/USA Today

	Oct. 25-28 2007	Dec. 10-13 2007
Iran	35	31
China	19	20
United States	8	11
North Korea	10	10
Iraq	9	9

- To the best of your knowledge, do you think Iran is currently providing weapons to insurgents in Iraq, or isn't Iran doing that?

		Yes	No	Don't know
Mar. 26-27, 2007	CBS News	65	12	23
Sep. 4-8, 2007	CBS News/NYT	67	10	23

- If the U.S. government decides to take military action in Iran, would you favor or oppose it?

		Favor	Oppose
Jan. 2007	CNN/ORC	26	68
May 2007	CNN/ORC	33	63
Oct. 2007	CNN/ORC	29	68
Nov. 2007	CNN/ORC	28	70

- If Iran continues with its nuclear research and is close to developing a nuclear weapon, do you believe that the United States should or should not initiate military action to destroy Iran's ability to make nuclear weapons?

		Should	Should not
Apr. 2006	NBC/WSJ	42	46
Jul. 2006	NBC/WSJ	48	40
Sep. 2006	NBC/WSJ	54	39
Mar. 2007	NBC/WSJ	43	47

- Now I'd like your overall opinion of some foreign countries. First, is your overall opinion of Iran very favorable, mostly favorable, mostly unfavorable, or very unfavorable?

		Total favorable	Total unfavorable
Feb.-Mar. 1989	Gallup	5	89
Aug. 1989	Gallup	5	89
Jan.-Feb. 1991	Gallup	13	79
Mar. 1991	Gallup	14	76
Aug. 1991	Gallup	13	79
Mar. 1996	Gallup	6	84
Feb. 2001	Gallup	12	83
Feb. 2002	Gallup	11	84
Feb. 2003	Gallup	13	77
Mar. 2003	Gallup	13	79
Feb. 2004	Gallup	17	77
Feb. 2005	Gallup	12	82
Feb. 2006	Gallup	7	86
Feb. 2007	Gallup	9	86
Feb. 2008	Gallup	8	88

- Which comes closer to your opinion – Iran is a threat to the United States that requires military action now, Iran is a threat that can be contained with diplomacy now, or Iran is not a threat to the United States at this time?

		Threat, action now	Threat, can be contained	Not a threat
Feb. 22-26, 2006	CBS News	20	55	19
Apr. 28-30, 2006	CBS News	18	58	16
May 4-8, 2006	CBS News/NYT	11	58	22
Jun. 10-11, 2006	CBS News	21	55	19
Feb. 8-11, 2007	CBS News	21	57	14
Feb. 23-27, 2007	CBS News/NYT	15	57	20
Mar. 7-11, 2007	CBS News/NYT	10	65	18
Mar. 26-27, 2007	CBS News	18	54	18
Sep. 4-8, 2007	CBS News/NYT	9	59	24

- Which country do you think poses the greatest immediate danger to the United States (open ended)?

		Iran	North Korea	Iraq	China	USA
Jan. 25-26, 2005	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	18	26	11	8	3
Jan. 24-25, 2006	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	28	17	16	14	4
Feb. 13-14, 2007	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	32	20	15	8	6

- Which country in the world, if any, represents the greatest danger to the United States?

		Iran	North Korea	Iraq	China	USA
Sept. 2001	PSRA/Pew	5	1	16	32	2
Oct. 2005	PSRA/Pew	9	13	18	16	7
Feb. 2006	PSRA/Pew	27	11	17	20	5
Feb. 2007	PSRA/Pew	25	17	19	14	5

- What one country anywhere in the world do you consider to be America's greatest enemy today?

		Iran	Iraq	North Korea	China	Afghanistan
Feb. 2001	Gallup	8	38	2	14	—
Feb. 2005	Gallup	14	22	22	10	3
Feb. 2006	Gallup	31	22	15	10	3
Feb. 2007	Gallup	26	21	18	11	3
Feb. 2008	Gallup	25	22	9	14	3

Note: Not all countries shown.

- Do you think the United States can trust what Iran says on the issue of nuclear weapons?

		Yes	No
Jun. 13-14, 2006	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	8	87
Feb. 27-28, 2007	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	10	82

- For each of the following countries, please say whether you consider it an ally of the United States, friendly, but not an ally, unfriendly, or an enemy of the United States?

CNN/ORC		Ally	Friendly	Unfriendly	Enemy
Israel					
Mar. 17-19, 2000		40	20	14	4
May 18-21, 2000		35	44	10	4
Apr. 20-22, 2001		32	40	14	6
Dec. 15-17, 2006		42	39	8	5
Saudi Arabia					
May 18-21, 2000		19	37	23	12
Sep. 19-21, 2003		9	32	35	19
Dec. 15-17, 2006		18	40	18	18
Syria					
May 18-21, 2000		5	28	33	11
Apr. 22-23, 2003		4	19	36	31
Dec. 15-17, 2006		8	23	29	28
May 4-6, 2007		5	27	35	19
Iran					
May 18-21, 2000		3	14	44	34
Mar. 14-15, 2003		3	13	44	32
Apr. 22-23, 2003		5	16	41	32
Dec. 15-17, 2006		4	14	29	48
May 4-6, 2007		3	12	36	46
Venezuela					
May 4-6, 2007		12	38	26	14
North Korea					
May 4-6, 2007		4	17	28	45

- Who should take the lead in dealing with Iran's nuclear program?

		United States	United Nations
Feb. 1-5, 2006	Pew Research Center	17	78
May 2-4, 2006	PSRA/Pew Research Center	21	72
Sep. 6-10, 2006	PSRA/Pew Research Center	21	70

- Which is your greater concern when it comes to dealing with Iran's nuclear program ... that we will take action too quickly or that we will wait too long?

		Too quickly	Wait too long
Feb. 2006	PSRA/Pew Research Center	34	53
May 2-14, 2006	PSRA/Pew Research Center	34	53
Sep. 6-10, 2006	PSRA/Pew Research Center	35	51

- Overall, taking into consideration everything you have heard or read about the situation with Iran, do you think Iran will be stopped from getting nuclear weapons through diplomatic solutions, or only through military action, or do you think Iran will eventually get nuclear weapons?

		Stopped through Diplomacy	Stopped through Action	Will get Weapons
Apr. 8-11, 2006	LA Times/Bloomberg	15	12	61
Jun. 27-28, 2006	LA Times/Bloomberg	16	16	56
Jul. 28-Aug. 1, 2006	LA Times/Bloomberg	14	21	58

- If Iran continues to produce material that can be used to develop nuclear weapons, would you support or oppose the U.S. taking military action against Iran?

		Support Strongly	Support somewhat	Oppose somewhat	Oppose strongly
Apr. 8-11, 2006	LA Times/Bloomberg	28	20	17	23
Jun. 24-27, 2006	LA Times/Bloomberg	31	21	15	22

- If Iran obtains nuclear weapons, how concerned are you that it would:

Fox News/Opinion Dynamics		Very concerned	Somewhat concerned	Not very concerned	Not concerned
Attack a Neighboring Country					
Jan. 24-25, 2006		54	27	8	7
Attack the United States					
Jan. 24-25, 2006		47	26	16	8
Jun. 13-14, 2006		45	28	16	10
Supply Nuclear Weapons to Terrorists					
Jan. 24-25, 2006		68	23	3	3
Jun. 13-14, 2006		72	19	5	3
Attack Israel					
Jun. 13-14, 2006		56	29	8	5

- How much of a danger is the current government in Iran to stability in the Middle East and world peace? A great danger, moderate danger, small danger, or no danger at all?

		A great danger	Moderate danger	Small danger	No danger at all
Nov. 2002	Pew Research Center	33	41	10	3
May 2003	Pew Research Center	26	45	16	5
May 2-4, 2006	Pew Research Center	46	34	8	3

- Which one of the following best describes your view of the danger Iran poses to the United States today? 1. A clear and present danger; 2) a threat in the near future; 3) A threat down the road 4) Not a threat at all?

		Present Danger	Near future	Down the road	Not a threat
Jan. 24-25, 2006	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	16	40	34	7
May 2-3, 2006	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	24	33	30	10

- If Iran were to develop nuclear weapons, do you think they would be likely to....?

PSRA/Pew Research Center		Yes, likely	No, not likely
Attack the U.S. or European nations			
Feb. 1-5, 2006		66	26
May 2-14, 2006		63	27
Attack Israel			
Feb. 1-5, 2006		72	16
May 2-14, 2006		74	13
Provide nuclear weapons to terrorist organizations			
Feb. 1-5, 2006		82	11
May 2-14, 2006		80	11
Attack another Muslim country			
May 2-14, 2006		60	27
Use them for defense purposes only			
May 2-14, 2006		24	63

- How confident are you in the United Nations to handle the situation relating to Iran's nuclear program—very confident, somewhat confident, not too confident, or not at all?

		Very confident	Somewhat confident	Not very confident	Not confident
Feb. 9-12, 2006	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	8	39	27	24
Apr. 28-30, 2006	Gallup/USA Today	5	28	36	31

- How confident are you in the ability of the United Nations to handle the situation with Iran?

		Very confident	Somewhat confident	Not very confident	Not confident
Jan. 24-25, 2006	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	11	35	22	27
Apr. 4-5, 2006	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	8	28	25	34

- If diplomacy fails, which of the following U.S. military actions would you support to stop Iran from getting nuclear weapons? Would you support using air strikes only, but no ground troops; using air strikes and ground troops; using whatever military force is necessary (Yes/No)?

Fox News/Opinion Dynamics		Yes	No
Air strikes			
Jan. 24-25, 2006		51	34
Mar. 14-15, 2006		54	35
Air strikes and troops			
Jan. 24-25, 2006		46	42
Mar. 14-15, 2006		42	48
Whatever force necessary			
Jan. 24-25, 2006		59	33
Mar. 14-15, 2006		50	42

- Which is your greater concern when it comes to dealing with Iran's nuclear program...that we will take action too quickly or that we will wait too long?

		Too quickly	Too long
Feb. 2006	PSRA/Pew Research Center	34	53
May 2-14, 2006	PSRA/Pew Research Center	34	53

- I'd like your opinion about some possible international concerns for the U.S. Do you think that...Iran's nuclear program is a major threat, a minor threat, or not a threat at all?

		Major threat	Minor threat	Not a threat at all
Oct. 2005	PSRA/Pew Research Center	61	27	5

Feb. 1-5, 2006	PSRA/Pew Research Center	65	24	5
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● Iran says it wants to use uranium enrichment for peaceful purposes, such as nuclear power generation, but some believe Iran wants to use the uranium for military purposes, such as to build a nuclear weapons program. Which do you believe is more likely – Iran wants uranium for peaceful purposes or military purposes?

		Peaceful purposes	Military purposes
Mar. 1-2, 2005	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	8	75
Jan. 24-25, 2006	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	8	82

● Do you think Iran currently has a nuclear weapons program?

		Yes	No
Oct. 28-29, 2003	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	57	24
Jan. 25-26, 2005	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	60	23
Jan. 24-25, 2006	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	68	18

● If it is discovered that Iran has developed nuclear weapons, would you support or oppose the United States taking military action against Iran or are you unsure?

		Support	Unsure	Oppose
May 11-14, 2008	Tarrance/Lake	34	38	29

● From what you have heard or read, do you think the true purpose of Iran's nuclear program is – to produce nuclear power or produce nuclear weapons?

		Nuclear power	Nuclear weapons
Dec. 10-13, 2007	Gallup/USA Today	27	67

● Do you think Iran's nuclear program poses a serious threat to the United States or not?

		Yes, serious threat	Yes, somewhat of a threat	No, does not pose a threat
Dec. 10-13, 2007	Gallup/USA Today	33	28	37

● If the U.S. government decides to take military action in Iran involving air strikes but no ground troops, would you favor or oppose it?

		Favor	Oppose
Nov. 2-4, 2007	CNN/ORC	36	63

● If the U.S. government decides to take military action in Iran involving ground troops as well as air strikes, would you favor or oppose it?

		Favor	Oppose
Nov. 2-4, 2007	CNN/ORC	26	73

● What do you think the United States should do to get Iran to shut down its nuclear program – take military action against Iran or rely mainly on economic and diplomatic efforts?

		Take military action	Economic and diplomatic efforts
Nov. 2-4, 2007	Gallup/USA Today	18	73

– (Of those who said economic and diplomatic efforts) Suppose U.S. economic and diplomatic efforts do not work. If that happens, do you think the United States should – or should not – take military action against Iran?

	Yes, should	No, should not
	34	55

- Do you believe that Iran is helping Shiites in Iraq by providing weapons to them?

		Yes	No	Not sure
Mar. 6-14, 2007	Harris Interactive	59	10	31

- If it is proven that Iran is helping the Shiites in Iraq, would favor or oppose bombing Iran because of this?

		Favor	Oppose
Mar. 6-14, 2007	Harris Interactive	32	50

- As you may know, members of the Bush administration have accused Iran of supporting Iraqi insurgents by supplying them with weapons to use against American forces. When members of the Bush administration talk about Iran's involvement in Iraq, do you think they are telling the entire truth, mostly telling the truth but hiding something, or are they mostly lying?

		Telling the entire truth	Mostly telling the truth	Mostly lying
Mar. 7-11, 2007	CBS News/NYT	14	56	24

- If Iran is responsible for providing insurgents with technology being used in roadside bombs in Iraq, do you believe that the United States should or should not initiate military action to destroy Iran's ability to provide this latest technology to Iraq?

		Should initiate	Should not
Mar. 2007	NBC/WSJ	55	45

- Last week it was learned that Iran had ignored a U.N. Security Council deadline to stop its uranium enrichment program, and now Iran's president says their nuclear program is like a train without brakes. Do you think the president of Iran is bluffing or is he serious about going forward with a nuclear weapons program at any cost?

		Bluffing	Serious
Feb. 27-28, 2007	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	17	68

- Do you think the job the United Nations has been doing in trying to stop Iran from developing nuclear weapons is better described as effective or useless?

		Effective	Useless
Feb. 27-28, 2007	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	19	58

- In dealing with Iran, do you think the United States should only use diplomacy to try to stop them from developing nuclear weapons, or should the United States try to stop Iran at any cost from developing nuclear weapons?

		Only diplomacy	Stop at any cost
Feb. 27-28, 2007	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	50	37

- Do you believe a diplomatic solution can be reached with Iran, even if Iran cannot be trusted to tell the truth on the issue of nuclear weapons?

		Yes	No
Feb. 27-28, 2007	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	41	43

- If Iran does get nuclear weapons, how likely do you think it is that one of their nukes will eventually blow up in the United States?

		Yes	No
Feb. 27-28, 2007	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	49	44

- The Bush administration has charged that Iran is supporting insurgent attacks against American forces in Iraq. Do you feel the Bush administration does or does not have solid evidence that Iran is doing this?

		Does have	Does not
Feb. 22-25, 2007	ABC News/Wash Post	47	44

- How confident are you that the Bush administration will do a good job handling current tensions with Iran?

		Confident	Not confident
Feb. 22-25, 2007	ABC News/Wash Post	41	58

- And, do you disagree with the following statements regarding the Iraq War. A stable Iraq is the best way to protect America from the nuclear threat of Iran?

		Agree	Disagree
Feb. 5-7, 2007	Moriah/Public Opinion Strategies (R)	47	49

- Some people say the United States should include direct talks with Iran as part of a regional dialogue about the situation in Iraq because Iran has influence in the region. Others say the United States should not directly engage with Iran because the US has identified Iran as a sponsor of terrorism and because of Iran's nuclear program. What do you think? Do you think the United States should or should not hold direct talks with Iran about the situation in Iraq?

		Should	Should not
Feb. 5-7, 2007	Moriah/Public Opinion Strategies (R)	63	32

- Now, thinking about Iran: In dealing with Iran, do you think the Bush administration is being too confrontational, not confrontational enough, or handling it about right?

		Too confrontational	Not confrontational enough	Handling it about right
Jan. 16-19, 2007	ABC News/Wash Post	30	24	37

- Here is a list of possible benefits that the US and other countries could provide to Iran in exchange for agreeing to stop enriching uranium. Please say for each one whether you favor or oppose being willing to do each of the following as part of a package in exchange for Iran agreeing to stop enriching uranium?

		Favor	Oppose
Dec. 6-11, 2006	PIPA/Knowledge Networks		
The U.S. making an official commitment to not use military force against Iran		38	51
Europe committing to ensure Iranian access to enriched uranium		14	73
Allowing Iran to join the World Trade Organization		54	34
Lifting U.S. economic sanctions against Iran		47	40
Unfreezing Iranian assets held by the U.S.		39	50
Providing spare parts for civilian aircraft		52	38
Repealing U.S. legislation calling for regime change in Iran		44	43
Transfer of nuclear energy technology to Iran		11	79

- Which party do you think can do a better job of dealing with Iran and its nuclear weapons program?

		Democrats	Republicans	Both	Neither
Sep. 16-19, 2006	LA Times/Bloomberg	35	40	4	9

- Iran says it will not stop its nuclear development program and will not abide by the United Nations deadline. Do you think the United States should do whatever it takes to stop Iran—including military action—or do you think there are limits on what the United States can and should do to stop the Iranian program?

		Do whatever it takes	There are limits to what the U.S. can do
Aug. 29-30, 2006	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	37	55

- Do you think Iran poses a real national security threat to the United States?

		Yes	No
Jul. 11-12, 2006	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	62	33

- Do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling the situation with Iran's nuclear weapons program?

		Approve	Disapprove
Jun 24-27, 2006	LA Times/Bloomberg	40	31

- Do you approve or disapprove of the way Bush is handling the situation with Iran?

		Approve	Disapprove
Jun. 22-25, 2006	ABC News/Wash Post	41	57

- The United States has agreed to join other nations in talks with Iran over its nuclear development program provided Iran first stops its uranium-enrichment activities. The Iranians say they are willing to talk, but refuse to stop enriching uranium as a condition of negotiations. Do you think the United States should negotiate anyway?

		Yes	No
Jun. 13-14, 2006	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	59	30

- The Iranian president has made several controversial comments—such as denying that the Holocaust ever happened and advocating that Israel be wiped off the map. Do you think most Iranians agree with the statements made by their president?

		Yes	No
Jun. 13-14, 2006	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	29	53

- Do you think Iran can be stopped from building a nuclear bomb?

		Yes	No
Jun. 13-14, 2006	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	40	54

- There has been some discussion about how to handle Iran's efforts to develop nuclear technology. As I mention possible steps, tell me whether you would favor or oppose each.

May 2-14, 2006	PSRA/Pew Research Center		
		Favor	Oppose
	U.S. bombing military targets in Iran	30	61
	The UN and other leading nations placing tough economic sanctions on Iran	64	25
	Giving Iran nuclear technology if they agree to stop using their won nuclear program	46	46
	Supporting opposition groups in Iran in effort to overthrow the government there	37	48

- Why do you think Iran wants to have a nuclear program: to develop nuclear weapons, or to develop nuclear energy?

		Weapons	Energy	Both
May 2-14, 2006	PSRA/Pew Research Center	71	9	10

- If there is any chance of Iran getting nuclear weapons before President Bush leaves office, do you support him taking U.S. military action against Iran, or not?

		Yes	No
May 2-3, 2006	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	48	44

- Do you trust Iran to tell the truth about the purpose of its nuclear technology program?

		Yes	No
May 2-3, 2006	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	12	85

- Do you think the United Nations can stop Iran from building nuclear weapons?

		Yes	No
May 2-3, 2006	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	22	74

- Who should take the lead in dealing with Iran's nuclear program?

		United States	European Union
Feb. 1-5, 2006	Pew Research Center	30	51

- Suppose all economic and diplomatic efforts fail to get Iran to shut down its nuclear program. If that happens, do you think the United States should—or should not—take military action against Iran?

		Yes	No
Apr. 28-30, 2006	Gallup/USA Today	36	57

- If Iran continues with its nuclear research and is close to developing a nuclear weapon, do you believe that the United States should join a coalition of other countries to initiate military action to destroy Iran's ability to make nuclear weapons?

		Should	Should not
Apr. 21-24, 2006	NBC/WSJ	48	42

- Would you say that what has happened over the past three years with the war in Iraq has influenced the way you feel about the U.S. taking military action against Iran, or has it not influenced the way you feel? Has the war in Iraq made you more or less supportive of U.S. military action against Iran?

		More supportive	Less supportive	No influence
Apr. 8-11, 2006	LA Times/Bloomberg	17	40	38

- Generally speaking, do you trust George W. Bush to make the right decision about whether we should go to war with Iran, or not?

		Trust him	Do not trust him
Apr. 8-11, 2006	LA Times/Bloomberg	42	54

- Ultimately, do you think the United States will end up in war with Iran or do you think the situation will be solved diplomatically?

		War	Diplomacy	Neither
Apr. 4-5, 2006	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	36	42	10

- Suppose George W. Bush decides to order military action against Iran, would you support the use of U.S. ground troops against Iran, or would you support air strikes, but oppose the use of ground troops?

		No military action	Ground troops	Air strikes, no troops	Air strikes & troops
Apr. 8-11, 2006	LA Times/Bloomberg	20	6	44	19

- If Iran backs terrorist attacks in the United States, do you think the United States should respond with large and aggressive military action, respond with more limited and specific targeted attacks, or should the U.S. try to negotiate to stop the terrorist attacks?

		Large action	Targeted attacks	Negotiate
Apr. 4-5, 2006	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	32	29	30

- In working to prevent Iran from building its nuclear weapons, to what extent should the United States act alone, without support from the United Nations? The United States should only act with the support of the United Nations; the United states can act alone, but it would be better to have support from the United Nations; the United States is perfectly justified to act alone?

		Only act with the UN	U.S. can act but better with UN	U.S. alone is justified
Mar. 8-14, 2006	Harris Interactive	47	38	8

- How concerned are you that the U.S. will be too quick to use military force in an attempt to prevent Iran from developing nuclear weapons – very concerned, somewhat concerned, not too concerned, not at all concerned?

		Very concerned	Somewhat concerned	Not too concerned	Not at all concerned
Feb. 9-12, 2006	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	34	35	20	10
Nov. 2-4, 2007	Gallup/USA Today	42	34	14	8

- How concerned are you that the U.S. will not do enough to prevent Iran from developing nuclear weapons – very concerned, somewhat concerned, not too concerned, not at all concerned?

		Very concerned	Somewhat concerned	Not too concerned	Not at all concerned
Feb. 9-12, 2006	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	26	41	24	6
Nov. 2-4, 2007	Gallup/USA Today	33	40	17	9

- Suppose Iran DOES develop nuclear weapons. Just your best guess, how likely is it that—very likely, somewhat likely, not too likely, not at all likely?

			Very likely	Somewhat likely	Not too likely	Not at all likely
Feb. 9-12, 2006	Gallup/CNN/USA Today					
		Iran would provide a nuclear weapon to terrorists who would use it against the United States.	50	30	12	6
		Iran would provide a nuclear weapon to terrorists who would use it against Israel.	49	32	12	4
		The Iranian government would use nuclear weapons against Israel.	41	36	15	4
		The Iranian government would use nuclear weapons against the United States.	30	29	26	12

- If Iran continues to produce material that can be used to develop nuclear weapons, would you support or oppose the U.S. taking military action against Iran?

		Support	Oppose
Jan. 22-25, 2006	LA Times/Bloomberg	57	33

- Do you think Iran is more of a threat or less of a threat to the world today than Iraq was before the United States took military action to remove Saddam Hussein?

		More	Less	Same
Jan. 24-25, 2006	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	47	25	19

- Iran says it is refining uranium to use in nuclear power plants. Other countries are concerned Iran may also use this uranium in nuclear weapons. To try to prevent Iran from developing nuclear technology, would you support or oppose?

Jan. 23-26, 2006 ABC News/Washington Post

	Support	Oppose
Imposing international economic sanctions against Iran	71	26
The United States bombing Iran's nuclear development sites	42	54

INTERNATIONAL OPINION: Polls conducted abroad immediately after the terrorist attacks of 9/11 showed that most people preferred to have the American government extradite the terrorists to stand trial rather than to take military action. Majorities in India and Israel opted for military action. When told that NATO had endorsed a military response, however, many of our traditional allies said that their countries should support a military response.

We include in this collection some questions from surveys conducted abroad after 9/11, but many more are available. What follows is a description of some surveys readers may wish to review:

- In March 2003, the Pew Global Attitudes Project conducted a nine-nation survey on peoples' attitudes toward the U.S. and a potential war in Iraq. Between July and October 2002, the Pew Research Center conducted a survey of people in 44 countries and released its initial results in the report "What the World Thinks in 2002." In June 2003, Pew released "Views of a Changing World," a special 21-population survey conducted April 28-May 15, 2003 in the United States, Europe, the Middle East and elsewhere. Pew also released previously undistributed data from the Pew Global Attitudes survey of people in 44 nations. In March 2004 and in April-May 2006, the Pew Global Attitudes Project followed-up with a nine-nation survey on peoples' attitudes toward the U.S. and the war in Iraq. Pew also compiled data in June 2006 on the war on terror, Iran, and more. The latest Pew Global data can be found at www.people-press.org.
- Gallup International conducted two separate surveys, both before and after the Iraq war, in forty-five countries www.gallup-international.com
- A six-country (Great Britain, France, Germany, Italy, Poland, and the Netherlands) survey taken under the auspices of the German Marshall Fund and the Chicago Council on Foreign Relations was conducted in June 2003 and last updated in September 2005. This survey includes questions about the war on terrorism as well as many other subjects. The survey can be found at: <http://www.gmfus.org>. The German-Marshall Fund also released a new Transatlantic Trends survey in August 2007.
- In March 2003, Ipsos-Reid conducted its quarterly syndicated survey of global public opinion called "Global Powers in Changing Times." The survey was conducted in the G-7 nations plus Russia and Spain. In February and March 2004, Ipsos-Reid and the Associated Press conducted an eight-nation poll on attitudes toward the U.S. and the Iraq war <http://www.ipsos-reid.com>
- In February and March 2004, Harris Interactive conducted a five-nation survey on peoples' attitudes toward the U.S. and the war in Iraq. The data can be found at www.harrisinteractive.com
- In January 2003, MORI released its report, "What Europeans Really Think About America - and the Future of the European Union." The survey can be found at the MORI website (www.mori.com).
- In March 2003, Ipsos-Reid conducted a nine-nation survey on peoples' attitudes toward a potential war in Iraq. It can be found at <http://www.ipsos-reid.com/>. In March and April 2003, The Daily Telegraph and ITV News conducted a tracking poll of peoples' attitudes in Great Britain toward the war in Iraq. It can be found at

<http://www.yougov.com/>.

- Several polls have been conducted inside Iraq since the end of the war. These include a national survey by Oxford Research International of Oxford, England for ABC News, ARD, the BBC, and NHK (abcnews.go.com), a survey conducted in Baghdad by Gallup (www.gallup.com) and a survey conducted in Baghdad for The Spectator and Channel Four News by YouGov (www.yougov.com). The American Enterprise and Zogby International conducted a poll of Iraqis living in Mousel, Al Basrah, Karkuk, and Al Ramadi (www.taemag.com).
- A Program on International Policy Attitudes (PIPA) survey of the Iraqi public was conducted for World Public Opinion and released on January 31, 2006. It is entitled, "What the Iraqi Public Wants." PIPA also released a survey on attitudes toward Americans in July 2006 and released new surveys on and in Iraq in 2007. See www.worldpublicopinion.org.
- In June 2006 Harris Interactive began polling five key U.S. allies: Great Britain, France, Italy, Spain, and Germany, asking which country in a list was the greatest threat to stability. In August 2006, the U.S. was said to be the number one threat to global stability in every country but Italy. For full results see www.harrisinteractive.com.
- In December 2006, PIPA released a comprehensive poll on U.S.-Iranian attitudes with questions conducted in Iran and the U.S... It is available at <http://www.worldpublicopinion.org/pipa/>

- In your opinion, once the identity of the terrorists is known, should the American government launch a military attack on the country or countries where the terrorists are based or should the American government seek to extradite the terrorists to stand trial?

Sep. 14-17, 2001

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	U.S. Should Launch Attack	Extradite Terrorists To Stand Trial
Austria	10	82
Czech Republic	22	64
Denmark	20	74
Finland	14	82
France	29	67
Germany	17	77
Greece	6	88
India	72	28
Israel	77	19
Italy	21	71
Luxembourg	18	78
Netherlands	28	68
Norway	12	83
Pakistan	9	69
Portugal	18	75
Spain	12	86
Switzerland	8	87
U.K.	18	75

NOTE: Not all countries shown. *Gallup International does not have any association with the Gallup Organization in the U.S.

- Some countries and all NATO member states have agreed to participate in any military action against the terrorists responsible for the attacks or against those countries harboring terrorists. Do you agree or disagree that [your country] should take part?

Sep. 14-17, 2001	Gallup International	Agree	Disagree
Austria		14	82
Czech Republic		55	34
Denmark		80	13
Finland		8	83
France		73	23
Germany		53	43
Greece		29	60
India		86	8
Israel		66	29
Italy		66	26
Luxembourg		74	18
Netherlands		66	20
Norway		58	32
Pakistan		32	62
Portugal		70	23
Spain		58	37
Switzerland		28	65
U.K.		79	12

NOTE: Not all countries shown.

- As you know, the United States has launched military strikes on targets in Afghanistan - including military sites of the Taliban government, and training camps of the Al-Qaeda group led by Osama bin Laden. All things considered, do you support or oppose these U.S.-led air strikes on Afghanistan?

Nov.-12-Dec. 16, 2001	Ipsos-Reid	Support	Oppose
Argentina		13	77
Canada		66	23
China		28	52
France		60	25
Germany		60	32
Italy		58	30
Japan		49	44
South Korea		43	50
Spain		31	52
Turkey		18	70
U.K.		65	19
U.S.		88	7

NOTE: In China, the survey was conducted in the country's five largest cities.

- Following the U.S. terrorist attacks of September 11 and considering the current crisis, should [your country] act exclusively on a national level to protect our interests, exclusively promote a common action at the European level for all countries of the European Union, or react both on a national and European level?

Nov. 13-23, 2001	Eurobarometer	National Level	European Level	Both
Austria		27	23	37
Belgium		12	22	61
Denmark		6	15	74
Germany		10	24	62
Greece		24	19	47

France	8	17	73
Finland	14	19	61
Ireland	18	19	60
Italy	13	28	58
Luxembourg	9	28	58
Netherlands	6	34	56
Portugal	18	13	55
Spain	13	27	51
Sweden	9	21	61
U.K.	16	11	68

- Amongst the following measures, which ones seem appropriate to you...to put our military bases at the disposal of the anti-terrorist coalition led by the U.S.?

Nov. 13-23, 2001	Eurobarometer	
	Yes	No
Austria	26	67
Belgium	61	32
Denmark	62	25
Finland	11	83
Germany	65	30
Greece	22	68
France	65	29
Ireland	38	57
Italy	67	31
Luxembourg	68	24
Netherlands	65	29
Portugal	59	25
Spain	51	38
Sweden	29	62
U.K.	55	22

- Amongst the following measures, which ones seem appropriate to you...to put our national intelligence services at the disposal of the anti-terrorist coalition led by the U.S.?

Nov. 13-23, 2001	Eurobarometer	
	Yes	No
Austria	48	40
Belgium	76	18
Denmark	75	13
Germany	71	21
Greece	30	60
Finland	34	54
France	86	12
Ireland	64	31
Italy	79	19
Luxembourg	81	10
Netherlands	69	27
Portugal	63	19
Spain	67	25
Sweden	66	25
U.K.	62	11

- Amongst the following measures, which ones seem appropriate to you...to supply weapons and equipment to those in their own country want to overthrow governments protecting terrorists?

Nov. 13-23, 2001	Eurobarometer	
	Yes	No
Austria	22	67
Belgium	31	62
Denmark	21	63
Finland	24	66
Germany	35	57
Greece	18	75
France	38	56
Ireland	18	76
Italy	40	56
Luxembourg	33	61
Netherlands	38	58
Portugal	31	53
Spain	39	53
Sweden	14	81
U.K.	26	48

- Amongst the following measures, which ones seem appropriate to you...to send [nationality] troops to fight with the U.S. forces?

Nov. 13-23, 2001	Eurobarometer	
	Yes	No
Austria	8	86
Belgium	43	51
Denmark	43	45
Finland	5	91
Germany	55	38
Greece	5	90
France	54	41
Ireland	26	67
Italy	51	45
Luxembourg	43	49
Netherlands	61	33
Portugal	27	58
Spain	32	58
Sweden	20	74
U.K.	66	17

- Would you say that so far the [your national] government has reacted to the present terrorist crisis very well, rather well, rather badly, or very badly?

Nov. 13-23, 2001	Eurobarometer			
	Very Well	Rather Well	Rather Badly	Very Badly
Austria	6	36	14	3
Belgium	11	61	10	3
Denmark	25	50	6	2
Finland	12	63	10	2
Germany	14	56	18	5
Greece	13	44	9	5
France	10	69	13	3
Ireland	16	47	10	3
Italy	12	56	17	5
Luxembourg	15	48	5	1

Netherlands	7	64	10	4
Portugal	1	34	8	3
Spain	6	49	14	6
Sweden	14	61	10	3
U.K.	44	43	8	4

- How strongly do you approve or disapprove of the United States's decision to begin the military operations in response to the terrorists' attacks? Would you say you strongly approve, somewhat approve, somewhat disapprove, or strongly disapprove?

Nov. 2001 Harris Interactive/Asahi Shimbun

	Strongly Approve	Somewhat Approve	Somewhat Disapprove	Strongly Disapprove
Beijing	16	20	35	29
Japan	15	44	28	8
South Korea	11	45	35	8
U.S.	78	16	3	3

- Do you think the image of the United States has been helped or hurt around the world by its involvement in Iraq, or has the United States' image not been affected one way or the other?

	Helped a lot	Helped somewhat	Hurt somewhat	Hurt a lot	No effect
Jan. 22-25, 2006 LA Times/Bloomberg	4	8	27	38	19

- Do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling the American response to the terrorist attacks on September 11th?

		Approve	Disapprove
Sep. 14, 2001*	Market & Opinion Research Int. (U.K.)	72	10
Sep. 21, 2001	Market & Opinion Research Int. (U.K.)	68	13
Oct. 9, 2001	Market & Opinion Research Int. (U.K.)	70	19
Oct. 18-22, 2001	Market & Opinion Research Int. (U.K.)	64	27
Nov. 22-27, 2001	Market & Opinion Research Int. (U.K.)	66	24
Mar. 15-17, 2002	Market & Opinion Research Int. (U.K.)	50	37
Sep. 5-8, 2002	Market & Opinion Research Int. (U.K.)	35	47

NOTE: *Question wording was, "...this week's terrorist attacks?"

- And if the United States were to take military action against those responsible, would you support or oppose British troops being involved in this action?

		Support	Oppose
Sep. 14, 2001	Market & Opinion Research Int. (U.K.)	74	20
Sep. 21, 2001	Market & Opinion Research Int. (U.K.)	73	20

- Now that the United States has taken military action, do you support or oppose British troops being involved in this action?

		Support	Oppose
Oct. 9, 2001	Market & Opinion Research Int. (U.K.)	72	22
Oct. 18-22, 2001	Market & Opinion Research Int. (U.K.)	66	28
Nov. 1-2, 2001	Market & Opinion Research Int. (U.K.)	66	27
Nov. 22-27, 2001	Market & Opinion Research Int. (U.K.)	69	24

- Would you support or oppose U.S. and British military action against countries that assist or shelter terrorists?

		Support	Oppose
Sep. 14, 2001	Market & Opinion Research Int. (U.K.)	69	21
Sep. 21, 2001	Market & Opinion Research Int. (U.K.)	60	27

- The United States and Britain launched military strikes against Afghanistan in response to the terrorist attacks on September 11th. Do you support or oppose taking action against Afghanistan?

		Support	Oppose
Oct. 9, 2001	Market & Opinion Research Int. (U.K.)	69	23
Oct. 18-22, 2001	Market & Opinion Research Int. (U.K.)	67	23
Nov. 1-2, 2001	Market & Opinion Research Int. (U.K.)	65	23
Nov. 22-27, 2001	Market & Opinion Research Int. (U.K.)	70	22

- On balance, do you think the American government would be right or wrong to step up military action in Iraq, the country run by Saddam Hussein?

		Right	Wrong
Mar. 15-17, 2002	Market & Opinion Research Int. (U.K.)	35	52

- On balance, do you think the British government would be right or wrong to join the Americans in stepping up military action in Iraq, the country run by Saddam Hussein?

		Right	Wrong
Mar. 15-17, 2002	Market & Opinion Research Int. (U.K.)	34	56

- And do you think that the British government is too supportive of the American government on these international issues, not supportive enough, or do you think they've got it about right?

		Too Supportive	About Right	Not Supportive Enough
Mar. 15-17, 2002	Market & Opinion Research Int. (U.K.)	40	52	3

- Do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling the current situation with Iraq (the country ruled by Saddam Hussein)?

		Approve	Disapprove
Sep. 24-25, 2002	Market & Opinion Research Int. (U.K.)	30	59
Jan. 17-20, 2003	Market & Opinion Research Int. (U.K.)	19	68
Feb. 28-			
Mar. 2, 2003	Market & Opinion Research Int. (U.K.)	23	65
Mar. 14-16, 2003	Market & Opinion Research Int. (U.K.)	21	65
Jul. 25-27, 2003*	Market & Opinion Research Int. (U.K.)	26	60

NOTE: *Question wording was, "...handling the current situation in Iraq?"

- Would you support or oppose Britain joining any American-led military action against Iraq, with UN approval?

		Support	Oppose
Sep. 24-25, 2002	Market & Opinion Research Int. (U.K.)	71	23
Jan. 17-20, 2003	Market & Opinion Research Int. (U.K.)	61	29

- Would you support or oppose Britain joining any American-led military action against Iraq, without UN approval?

		Support	Oppose
Sep. 24-25, 2002	Market & Opinion Research Int. (U.K.)	22	70
Jan. 17-20, 2003	Market & Opinion Research Int. (U.K.)	15	77

- Do you support or oppose Britain taking military action against Iraq?

		Support	Oppose
Mar. 28-31, 2003	Market & Opinion Research Int. (U.K.)	56	38

- Do you believe now it was right or wrong for British troops to invade Iraq and take part in deposing the Saddam Hussein Government?

Jul. 25-27, 2003	Market & Opinion Research Int. (U.K.)	Right 50	Wrong 41
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- Do you approve or disapprove of the military action by the United States and Britain against Afghanistan?

Oct. 10-11, 2001	ICM Research (U.K.)	Approve 74	Disapprove 16
Oct. 26-28, 2001	ICM Research (U.K.)	62	20

- Would you approve or disapprove of Britain backing American military action against Iraq?

Mar. 15-17, 2002	ICM Research (U.K.)	Approve 35	Disapprove 51
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- Do you think the United States should or should not take military action against Iraq?

Mar. 20-Apr. 8, 2002	British Gallup (U.K.)	Should 43	Should Not 47
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- Do you think that Britain should or should not offer military support against Iraq?

Mar. 20-Apr. 8, 2002	British Gallup (U.K.)	Yes 43	No 51
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- Do you think that the attacks which occurred in the United States threaten world peace?

Sep. 12, 2001	Group CSA for Le Parisian and Aujourd'hui (France)	Yes 88	No 12
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- Do you feel solidarity with the American people?

Sep. 12, 2001	Group CSA for Le Parisian and Aujourd'hui (France)	Yes 96	No 4
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- NATO has now decided that the attack on the USA will be viewed as an attack on all NATO members - thus also an attack on Germany. Would you say that is the correct decision or not?

Sep. 13, 2001	Insitutit fur Demoskopie Allensbach (Germany)	Correct decision 57	Mistake 25
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- The SPD party leader Peter Struck said "Now we are all Americans." Do you find that well said, or not?

Sep. 13, 2001	Insitutit fur Demoskopie Allensbach (Germany)	Yes 47	No 42
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- And would you say that you trust the way the American President Bush is dealing with the situation, or not?

Sep. 13, 2001	Insitutit fur Demoskopie Allensbach (Germany)	Trust 35	Do Not Trust 47
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● Do you support sending Polish troops to Afghanistan?

		Support	Don't Mind	Against
Dec. 2001	Public Opinion Research Cntr. (Poland)	45	5	44
Jan. 2002	Public Opinion Research Cntr. (Poland)	43	8	43
Feb. 2002	Public Opinion Research Center (Poland)	47	7	42
Apr. 2002	Public Opinion Research Cntr. (Poland)	57	7	32

Key Dates:

July 31, 2002: Senate Foreign Relations Committee begins hearings on U.S. policy toward Iraq.

September 12, 2002: In speech to U.N. General Assembly, President Bush calls for tough action against Iraq.

October 10, 2002: U.S. House votes 296-133 to give President Bush authorization to attack Iraq.

October 11, 2002: U.S. Senate joins House and votes 77-23 to give to give President Bush authorization to attack Iraq.

November 8, 2002: U.N. Security Council unanimously approves resolution demanding return of arms inspectors to Iraq.

November 27, 2002: U.N. weapons inspections resume in Iraq.

January 27, 2003: Chief U.N. inspector Hans Blix issues broadly negative report on Iraq's cooperation with inspectors.

February 5, 2003: Secretary of State Powell offers U.N. Security Council "irrefutable" proof of Iraqi arms violations.

March 7, 2003: In new report, Hans Blix says Iraq has been more cooperative with U.N. weapons inspectors.

March 10, 2003: France and Russia say they will veto U.S.-sponsored resolution authorizing war.

March 17, 2003: In televised address, President Bush gives Saddam Hussein an ultimatum to leave Iraq within 48 hours.

March 20, 2003: In early morning, U.S. military begins Operation Iraqi Freedom with air strikes on selected targets in Baghdad.

March 22, 2003: Allies begin "Shock and Awe" phase of military campaign with heavy bombardment of Baghdad.

March 26, 2003: One thousand U.S. paratroopers land in Northern Iraq, opening second front.

April 4, 2003: U.S. forces capture Baghdad airport; face little resistance from Republican Guard units.

April 9, 2003: U.S. forces capture Baghdad; large statue of Hussein toppled; Iraqi Ambassador to U.N. says "game is over."

May 6, 2003: President Bush names Paul Bremer as his special envoy to Iraq, replacing Jay Garner.

June 4, 2003: Senior Pentagon officials deny that they lied about Iraq's possession of weapons of mass destruction.

July 7, 2003: White House admits that intelligence pertaining to Iraqi attempted purchase of African uranium was false.

July 13, 2003: Iraqi Governing Council declares itself first interim government of Iraq.

July 14, 2003: President Bush says U.S. will join peacekeeping mission in Liberia only if dictator leaves country.

July 16, 2003: Gen. John P. Abizaid says U.S. troops in Iraq are under attack from "a classical guerrilla-type campaign."

August 19, 2003: At least 24 killed in suicide bombing at U.N. headquarters in Baghdad.

August 29, 2003: At least 95 killed in car bomb outside Najaf mosque, including Iraq's most prominent Shiite cleric.

September 7, 2003: President Bush says that he will ask Congress to appropriate \$87 billion for Iraq and Afghanistan.

October 16, 2003: U.N. Security Council unanimously passes U.S.-drafted resolution to provide aid and stabilize Iraq.

November 3, 2003: Congress votes for final approval of \$87 billion for U.S. military operations in Iraq and Afghanistan.

December 14, 2003: Ambassador Bremer announces that Saddam Hussein has been captured.

March 8, 2004: Iraqi Governing Council signs interim constitution.

April 10, 2004: Sixty-four U.S. service members killed in deadliest week since end of major hostilities.

April 15, 2004: President Bush agrees to a UN plan replacing the Iraqi Governing Council with a caretaker government when the Iraqis regain sovereignty on June 30th.

April 30, 2004: Images of prisoner abuse in the Abu Ghraib prison are released to United States media.

May 6, 2004: On Arab television President Bush condemns the abuse at Abu Ghraib and apologizes to the Arab world.

May 8, 2004: Nicholas Berg, a civilian contractor in Iraq, is beheaded on videotape, ostensibly in retaliation for the prisoner abuse.

May 17, 2004: In an area of tight US control, a suicide bomber kills seven, including Izzedin Salim, head of the Iraqi governing council.

May 25, 2004: President Bush, at the US Army War College, outlined five steps to achieve American goals in Iraq: Transfer of power, stability, rebuilding of infrastructure, more international support, and a push towards elections.

May 27, 2004: US forces and Moktada al-Sadr's militia reach a truce in Najaf after seven weeks of fighting.

June 1, 2004: Iraqi governing council disbands, as the Iraqi interim government, headed by Sunni president Ghazi al-Yawar, takes over the council's duties. Elsewhere in the country, a Kurdish political headquarters was bombed killing three.

June 28, 2004: The United States officially transfers sovereignty to an interim Iraqi government.

June 30, 2004: The interim government of Iraq takes legal custody of Saddam Hussein and 11 other high-profile former Baath Party officials.

July 7, 2004: Prime Minister Allawi signs a law permitting him to impose martial law.

July 9, 2004: The Senate Intelligence Committee releases a report criticizing the CIA and other intelligence agencies for the lack of pre-war intelligence.

July 14, 2004: The Butler report on pre-Iraq war British intelligence is released, and it echoes the American findings of the week before that pre-war intelligence exaggerated Saddam Hussein's threat.

July 22, 2004: A report on military prison abuse in Iraq identified 94 suspected or confirmed cases of abuse of prisoners, including the deaths of at least 20 prisoners.

July 28, 2004: In the deadliest attack since Iraq's interim government took power, at least 68 were killed in a car bombing in Baqouba.

August 24, 2004: A Pentagon sponsored document claims the Abu-Ghraiab prison abuse was not just the work of select individuals, but a broader failure up the chain-of-command.

August 27, 2004: A bloody, three-week battle in Najaf between the U.S. forces and the militia of militant cleric al-Sadr ends in August when Shiite cleric Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Sistani negotiates a settlement.

Sep. 7, 2004: The American death toll in Iraq reaches 1,000; about 7,000 soldiers have been wounded. In August, attacks on

American forces reached their highest level since the beginning of the war, an average of 87 per day.

Sep. 14, 2004: Insurgents launched two deadly assaults at Iraqi police targets –killing 47 people in a car bombing at a police recruit line in Baghdad and 12 police officers in a drive by shooting in Baquba.

Sep. 15, 2004: The Bush administration requests \$3.4 billion of the \$18.4 billion set aside for reconstruction be used for security operations.

September 23, 2004: Prime Minister Allawi visits the White House, says Americans made the right decision in invading Iraq.

September 28, 2004: Two Italian women, Simona Torretta and Simona Pari return to their home country of Italy after being captured by Iraqi insurgents.

October 3, 2004: A joint U.S.–Iraqi offensive recaptured the city of Samarra. The U.S. military estimates that 125 insurgents were killed and 88 captured in the Samarra raid.

October 5, 2004: Former Coalition Authority head Paul Bremer says the US never had enough troops to properly secure Iraq.

October 7, 2004: The Iraqi Survey Group releases the “Duelfer Report”.

October 9, 2004: The Iraqi government signs a peace agreement with al-Sadr followers, which entails his militiamen handing over their weapons in exchange for cash payments and immunity from prosecution.

October 11, 2004: Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld met with Prime Minister Allawi and top US commanders in Baghdad today to review plans for pacifying insurgent-held areas of Iraq before January elections.

October 13, 2004: A conference of donor nations to Iraq opened in Tokyo.

October 21, 2004: The UK agrees to a US request to redeploy 850 troops to central Iraq.

October 25, 2004: The New York Times reports that 380 tons of powerful explosives missing from Iraqi military facility, reportedly under American control.

October 27, 2004: Pentagon officials ask the White House for an addition \$70B to help for the war.

November 1, 2004: Two senior Iraqi government officials are assassinated. At the same time, six people are kidnapped, including one American.

November 9, 2004: US and Iraqi forces begin the Battle for Falluja in an attempt to gain control of the city.

December 4, 2004: Two car bombs kill sixteen and wound 38 just outside of Iraq’s “Green Zone”.

December 10, 2004: US Marine who disappeared in Iraq and then turned up in Lebanon is charged with desertion.

December 19, 2004: Multiple car bombs in Karbala and Najaf kill an estimated 67 people.

December 22, 2004: A rocket attack kills more than 20 people and injures 57 at a US military base in Mosul.

January 4, 2005: Insurgents assassinate the governor of Baghdad, Ali Al-Haidri

January 13, 2005: Armed gunmen kill a top aide to Iraq’s senior Shiite cleric, Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Sistani.

January 20, 2005: President Bush sworn in for his second term.

January 25, 2005: President Bush asks Congress for a further \$80B to support the ongoing war.

January 27, 2005: Plane crash and string of insurgent attacks lead to the deadliest day in Iraq for American troops, with a total of 37 fatalities. Condoleezza Rice sworn in as Secretary of State.

January 30, 2005: Landmark elections are held throughout Iraq, with less hostility and higher voter turnout than expected.

January 31, 2005: A UK C-130 Transport plane crashes in Iraq, killing ten British servicemen.

January 31, 2005: US Forces open fire during a prison riot in southern Iraq, leaving six wounded and four dead.

February 2, 2005: Two soldiers charged in the Abu Ghraib prison scandal plead guilty before a military judge in Fort Hood, Texas.

February 4, 2005: Deputy Defense Secretary Paul Wolfowitz announces the possible departure of 15,000 troops from Iraq.

February 13, 2005: Official results of the January 30 elections are announced. The United Iraqi Alliance, a slate backed by Shiite Muslim clergy, receives 48 percent of the vote and is expected to take 140 seats; the Kurdistan Alliance, a coalition of the two main Kurdish factions, earns 26 percent and will likely hold 75 seats; the Iraqi List, headed by interim Prime Minister Ayad Allawi, gains 14 percent of the vote and is expected to claim 40 seats. Voter turnout is reported at 58 percent.

February 22, 2005: Ibrahim al-Jaafari is chosen by the Shiite alliance as Iraq's new prime minister. NATO leaders announce in a joint statement that all 26 members of the alliance will help train Iraq's new security forces.

February 24, 2005: Mohammed Najem Ibrahim, a suspected terrorist leader with links to Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, is captured.

February 27, 2005: Syria captures a half-brother of Saddam Hussein, Sabawi Ibrahim al-Hassan al-Tikriti, who is accused of playing a leading role in organizing and financing the insurgency in Iraq, and hands him over to Iraqi authorities.

February 28, 2005: In deadliest attack yet, suicide bomber blows up a car, killing 115 people seeking employment with the Iraqi police.

March 16, 2005: Newly elected Iraqi National Assembly meets for the first time.

March 31, 2005: Al-Jazeera announces a translator with U.S., Romanian and Iraqi citizenship and three Romanian journalists were kidnapped in Baghdad.

April 2, 2005: Forty to 60 insurgents attacked the Abu Ghraib prison, wounding 20 U.S soldiers and 12 detainees.

April 6, 2005: Iraqi transitional assembly elects Kurdish leader Jalal Talabani as the nation's president.

April 11, 2005: U.S. Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld makes a surprise visit to Baghdad and meets with officials of the new Iraqi government, U.S. commanders and American troops.

April 20, 2005: Iraq President Jalal Talabani announces that 50 bodies were pulled out of the Tigris, and 20 Iraqi soldiers were shot to death west of the capital.

April 23, 2005: An investigation clears four top Army officers in charge of Iraqi prisons of responsibility for the abuse of detainees there.

April 28, 2005: Iraqi legislator is shot to death by three men, the first assassination of assembly person.

April 29, 2005: Iraq's National Assembly votes to approve cabinet, creating first freely elected government

May 5, 2005: Bomber blows himself up police recruiting center in Kurdish city Erbil, killing at least 60 Kurds.

May 10, 2005: Marine task force sweeps through wide area of near Syrian border, killing 100 insurgents and raiding desert outposts and city safe houses.

May 16, 2005: Secretary of State Condoleeza Rice visits Iraq to urge its Shiite-dominated government to increase involvement of Sunni's.

May 26, 2005: Amnesty International accuses Bush administration of condoning "atrocious" human rights violations.

June 17, 2005: Sunni's accept compromise to increase representation on committee to draft constitution.

June 24, 2005: In a prime time speech, President Bush promises that there would be no timetable for withdrawal of troops and urges resolve in Iraq.

July 7, 2005: A series of bombs rip through London, killing over 50 people and injuring hundreds.

July 21, 2005: London police foil an attempt at a second wave of bombings on the London public transit system.

October 1, 2005: Suicide bombers wearing explosive vests targeted tourist resorts on Bali with coordinated attacks that devastated three crowded restaurants on Saturday night, killing at least 25 people.

October 5, 2005: US senators vote overwhelmingly to outlaw cruel or degrading treatment of detainees held in US custody abroad. The Senate votes 90-9 in favor of the motion, which senators said would lay down rules for troops and officials carrying out interrogations.

December 15, 2005: The National Security Agency's wiretapping program is revealed to the public in a story by the *New York Times*.

March 9, 2006: The Patriot Act is reauthorized.

June 6, 2006: Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, leader of al-Qaeda in Iraq, is killed by coalition forces.

June 22, 2006: Treasury Dept. monitoring of money transfers program is revealed in the press. President Bush again states that America's ability to wage the war on terror is hurt by the media.

June 29, 2006: The Supreme Court issues a ruling statement that the government's use of military tribunals in Guantanamo Bay are not sufficient.

July 12, 2006: Israel/Hezbollah war begins when Hezbollah kidnaps two Israeli soldiers.

August 10, 2006: British authorities foil a plot to blow up several planes in transit to the United States at London's Heathrow airport.

August 14, 2006: Israel/Hezbollah cease-fire is agreed to. Critics are skeptical that the cease-fire can hold.

August 17, 2006: A lower court rules that the NSA's wiretapping program is illegal.

August 31, 2006: Iran's deadline to halt uranium enrichment passes. Iran did not come to an agreement with the UN on its nuclear weapons program.

September 5, 2006: Pro-Taliban tribal leaders and Pakistani government sign a peace agreement.

September 24, 2006: The National Intelligence Estimate is released which stated that the war in Iraq has increase the threat of terrorism. It also said that U.S. counter terrorism operations have done a great deal of damage to terrorists around the globe.

September 27, 2006: U.S. House of Representatives passes a bill concerning the prosecution of terrorism suspects.

September 28, 2006: The Senate follows with its own version of the bill.

October 17, 2006: President Bush signs the Military Commissions Act of 2006 which "establishes new guidelines for interrogating and prosecuting terror suspects."

November 7, 2006: A London court sentences Dhiren Barot, a British citizen, to life in prison for plotting multiple terrorist attacks in the United States.

November 8, 2006: Democrats take the House and Senate.

November 8, 2006: Donald Rumsfeld resigns. President Bush nominates former CIA Director Robert Gates to replace him.

November 16, 2006: Germany's highest criminal court find Mounir Motassadeq guilty of being an accessory to mass murder for his role in the attacks on 9/11. He was accused of "looking after apartments, arranging money transfers, and other logistics" for the 9/11 terrorists.

December 6, 2006: Robert Gates' nomination is approved by the Senate. The only Senators to vote against him were Rick Santorum and Jim Bunning.

December 11, 2006: Intelligence officials in multiple nations state that Islamic militants are using their peace deal with Pakistan to consolidate their gains, train suicide bombers. The result is called a Taliban mini-state.

February 1, 2007: Bush opposes tying military aid to Pakistan to Pakistan stopping support for the Taliban within its borders.

February 10, 2007: Gen. David Petraeus takes over in Iraq.

June 3, 2007: JFK Airport bomb plot is attempted and fails.

Suggested Public Opinion Readings on the War on Terrorism/War with Iraq:

John E. Mueller, *War, Presidents, and Public Opinion* (Lanham: University Press of America, 1973)

Lynn M. Kuzma, "The Polls - Trends - Terrorism in the United States," *Public Opinion Quarterly* Vol. 64, Spring 2000, No. 1, pps. 90-105.

Gary Langer, "Touchpoint: Responsible Polling in the Wake of 9/11," *Public Perspective*, 13, no. 2 (March/April 2002)

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