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## USA TODAY/CNN/Gallup Poll results

1. Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Attorney General John Ashcroft?

	Favorable	Unfavorable	Never heard of	No opinion
2004 Feb 16-17	42	36	7	15
2003 Sep 19-21	49	31	9	11
2003 Jan 31-Feb 2	58	24	6	12
2001 Feb 1-4	38	31	13	18
2001 Jan 15-16 ^	34	28	17	21

^ WORDING: Attorney General nominee John Ashcroft

2. 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	No opinion
2004 Feb 16-17	13	46	27	14	*
2003 Nov 10-12 ^	12	41	25	22	*
2003 Aug 25-26 ^	10	40	25	25	--

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^ Asked of a half sample.

3. 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 fight terrorism?

	Too far	About right	Not far enough	No opinion
2004 Feb 16-17	26	43	21	10
2003 Nov 10-12 ^	25	45	20	10
2003 Aug 25-26 ^	22	48	21	9

^ Asked of a half sample.

4. As you may know, Attorney General John Ashcroft oversees the enforcement of the Patriot Act by federal authorities. <sup>29</sup>/<sub>11</sub> How much do you trust Ashcroft to balance the need to protect Americans from terrorist attacks in the U.S. with the need to protect basic civil liberties for Americans <sup>29</sup>/<sub>11</sub> a great deal, a moderate amount, not much, or not at all?

	Great deal	Moderate amount	Not much	Not at all	No opinion
2004 Feb 16-17	17	40	23	15	5

5. The American Civil Liberties Union, also known as the ACLU, has criticized many legal aspects of the Bush Administration <sup>29</sup>/<sub>11</sub>s war on terrorism. <sup>29</sup>/<sub>11</sub> How much do you trust the ACLU to balance the need to protect Americans from terrorist attacks in the U.S. with the need to protect basic civil liberties for Americans <sup>29</sup>/<sub>11</sub> a great deal, a moderate amount, not much, or not at all?

	Great deal	Moderate amount	Not much	Not at all	No opinion
2004 Feb 16-17	11	32	29	24	4

6. Next, I will read a list of things government officials can do when conducting a terrorism investigation. <sup>29</sup>/<sub>11</sub> For each, please tell me if this is something government officials can do specifically because of the Patriot Act, or if it is something they could have done prior to the Patriot Act being passed. <sup>29</sup>/<sub>11</sub>

**A. Hold terrorism suspects indefinitely without charging them with a crime or allowing them access to a lawyer**

	Can do because of the Patriot Act	Could do before Patriot Act passed	No opinion
2004 Feb 16-17	60	26	14

**B. Require non-U.S. citizens who are suspected of terrorism offenses to face a trial before a military tribunal**

	Can do because of the Patriot Act	Could do before Patriot Act passed	No opinion
2004 Feb 16-17	51	34	15

**C. Enter houses of worship or attend political rallies**

	Can do because of the Patriot Act	Could do before Patriot Act passed	No opinion
2004 Feb 16-17	28	54	18

Responses based on 505 National Adults in Form A.  $\pm 2\%$  For results based on this sample, the maximum margin of sampling error is  $\pm 2\%$  5 percentage points.

7. One provision in the Patriot Act allows federal agents to secretly search a U.S. citizen's home without informing the person of that search for an unspecified period of time.  $\pm 2\%$  Do you approve or disapprove of this provision?

	Approve	Disapprove	No opinion
2004 Feb 16-17	26	71	3

Based on 501 National Adults in Form B.  $\pm 2\%$  For results based on this sample, the maximum margin of sampling error is  $\pm 2\%$  5 percentage points.

8. Another provision in the Patriot Act requires businesses, including hospitals, bookstores, and libraries, to turn over records in terrorism investigations and prevents

the businesses from revealing to their patients or clients that these records have been turned over to the government. <sup>29</sup>/<sub>11</sub> Do you approve or disapprove of this provision?

	Approve	Disapprove	No opinion
2004 Feb 16-17	45	51	4

Based on 501 National Adults in Form B.

9. One provision of the Patriot Act allows federal agents in terrorism or money-laundering investigations to submit lists of people to financial institutions. <sup>29</sup>/<sub>11</sub> The institutions are required to reveal whether the people on the lists have accounts with them. <sup>29</sup>/<sub>11</sub> The federal agents can submit the names without a judge's prior approval. <sup>29</sup>/<sub>11</sub> Do you approve or disapprove of this provision?

	Approve	Disapprove	No opinion
2004 Feb 16-17	51	45	4

Based on 501 National Adults in Form B.

*Results are based on telephone interviews with 1,006 National Adults, aged 18+, conducted February 16-17, 2004. For results based on the total sample of National Adults, one can say with 95% confidence that the margin of sampling error is  $\pm 3$  percentage points.*

*In addition to sampling error, question wording and practical difficulties in conducting surveys can introduce error or bias into the findings of public opinion polls.*

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