

**FIVE YEARS AFTER THE 9/11 ATTACKS: ARE AMERICANS SAFER?**  
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Are Americans safer now than before 9/11? Many believe the answer is no. More now say the threat of terrorism has grown since 9/11 than said so last year. And Americans think U.S. military actions in Iraq and Afghanistan have created more terrorists willing to attack the U.S.

54% of Americans -- slightly more than in 2002 -- feel personally safe themselves. But nearly half feel uneasy or in danger.

**HOW SAFE DO YOU FEEL?**

	Now	9/2002
Generally safe	54%	48%
Somewhat uneasy	40	44
In danger	6	6

When asked to compare how they feel now to how they felt five years ago, 39% say they feel less safe now. Only 14% feel safer.

**HOW SAFE DO YOU FEEL COMPARED TO 5 YEARS AGO?**

More safe	14%
Less safe	39
Same	46

Saying you feel safe personally and thinking America is safe are two different things. When asked how safe they think most Americans feel generally, just 31% think Americans feel safe, while 57% say most feel uneasy and 10% think they feel in danger.

41% think the threat of terrorism against the U.S. has increased since the attacks of 9/11, up from 30% who thought that a year ago. 43% say the threat is about the same as it was five years ago, and just 14% say the threat has decreased since the attacks.

**SINCE 9/11 HOW HAS THE TERROR THREAT TO THE U.S. CHANGED?**

	Now	8/2005
Increased	41%	30%
Stayed the same	43	49
Decreased	14	18

Women and people in the Northeast, where the 9/11 attacks on the World Trade Center occurred, are especially concerned. Only 7% of those living in the Northeast say the threat of terrorism has decreased since the attacks of 9/11.

#### **LIFE AFTER THE ATTACKS OF SEPTEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup>, 2001**

The events of 9/11 are not in the forefront of many people's minds; they were more so a year after the attacks occurred. Now, 17% say they think about those events every day, down from 34% in September 2002. 27% think about them every week. 49% now think about 9/11 once in a while.

#### **HOW OFTEN DO YOU THINK ABOUT THE ATTACKS OF 9/11?**

	Now	9/2002
Every day	17%	34%
Every week	27	28
Once in a while	49	31
Hardly ever/never	7	6

23% say that life has not returned to the way it was before September 11, 2001, but most say it has, at least in part. 48% say daily life in America has returned somewhat to what it was before the attacks, and another 28% say it has mostly returned.

#### **HAS LIFE IN AMERICA RETURNED TO WHAT IT WAS BEFORE THE 9/11 ATTACKS?**

Mostly returned	28%
Somewhat returned	48
Has not returned	23

However, the 9/11 attacks continue to affect the behavior of some Americans today. A quarter say they are less likely to fly as a result of the attacks five years ago, and one in five are less likely to attend events where there are thousands of people. 24% say they still feel nervous and edgy. Women are more likely than men to admit their behavior has been affected. In fact, 31% of women say they still feel nervous or edgy, compared to just 17% of men.

#### **BEHAVIOR AS A RESULT OF THE 9/11 ATTACKS**

Less likely to fly	25%
Still feel nervous and edgy	24%
Less likely to attend events with thousands of people	19%

Americans who have a close friend or relative who was hurt or killed in the terrorist attacks of 9/11 are not more likely to have changed their behavior patterns as a result of the attacks than are Americans as a whole, but they are more likely to think about the attacks on a daily basis. 35% of Americans who had a close friend or relative that was a victim of the attack think about 9/11 every day.

## ANOTHER ATTACK

59% of Americans consider another terrorist attack in the U.S. likely, a much lower percentage than shortly after 9/11. In the weeks after the attacks, 78% said another attack against the U.S. was likely in the coming months. Just after the foiled plot to blow up airplanes leaving from London was made public early in August, 64% expected an attack.

### LIKELIHOOD OF TERROR ATTACK IN U.S. IN NEXT FEW MONTHS

	Now	8/2005	9/2004	9/2002	9/2001
Very likely	16%	9%	18%	23%	36%
Somewhat likely	43	43	48	46	42
Not likely	39	42	31	28	20

22% are very concerned about a terrorist attack in their own area; that has remained stable in the past few years. It was as high as 32% just after the 2001 attacks. Residents of the Northeast (31%) are most concerned, while those in the Midwest are least concerned (16%).

## HAVE U.S. ACTIONS AFFECTED THE TERRORIST THREAT?

Americans think some major U.S. foreign policy initiatives have made the threat of terrorism against the U.S. worse. 48% believe the war in Iraq has increased the threat of terrorism, a percentage that has grown in the past few years.

### IRAQ WAR'S IMPACT ON TERRORISM AGAINST U.S.

	Now	8/2005	9/2004	9/2003
Increased	48%	40%	41%	25%
Decreased	12	16	18	17
Stayed same	39	42	39	55

The war in Afghanistan is also viewed as increasing the terrorist threat, although to a slightly lesser extent. 35% think that war has increased the threat of terrorism, while 16% think it has decreased the threat, and 46% believe the threat has stayed the same.

Both wars are viewed as having created breeding grounds for terrorists. 54% think that the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq have created more terrorists planning to attack the U.S., while only 15% think those wars are eliminating terrorists.

### U.S. INVOLVEMENT IN IRAQ AND AFGHANISTAN HAS...

Created more terrorists	54%
Eliminating terrorists	15
Not affected number of terrorists	24

There is growing doubt that the war in Iraq is even connected to the broader war on terrorism. 51% say the war is not part of the war against terrorism, while 44% say it is.

Six in ten Americans do not believe Saddam Hussein was involved personally in the attacks, while 31% believe he was. Republicans are divided on the question, while majorities of both Democrats and Independents do not think the former Iraqi dictator was involved. In September 2002, a year after the terrorist attacks, 51% believed Saddam Hussein was involved in the attacks.

**WAS SADDAM HUSSEIN INVOLVED IN THE 9/11 ATTACKS?**

	Now	9/2002
Yes	31%	51%
No	60	33

Americans are more pessimistic about the war on terrorism than they have been in years: 21% think the terrorists are winning that war -- the highest number ever. 36% think the U.S. and its allies are winning, while 38% think neither side is winning the war on terrorism.

**WHO IS WINNING THE WAR ON TERROR?**

	Now	6/2006	5/2003	1/2003
U.S. and its allies	36%	43%	53%	32%
Neither side	38	42	35	44
Terrorists	21	11	9	17

Fewer than half of Americans are confident that the U.S. government will capture or kill Osama bin Laden, who is believed to be responsible for the 9/11 attacks. 48% are confident - the lowest number to date - while 49% express little or no confidence. In October 2001, when the U.S. military began their attacks on Afghanistan, 76% of Americans were confident the U.S. would capture or kill bin Laden.

**CONFIDENCE U.S. WILL CAPTURE BIN LADEN**

	Now	9/2003	9/2002	10/2001
Very confident	14%	21%	17%	38%
Somewhat confident	34	31	37	38
Not too confident	29	26	30	16
Not at all confident	20	19	13	5

Moreover, a majority says that if Osama bin Laden is not captured or killed then the U.S. cannot win the war on terrorism.

Most Americans remain generally positive about how the war against terrorism is going overall - 60% think it is going at least somewhat well, though only 8% say that it is going very well. And the number of Americans who say the war on terror is going well has declined from 77% in September 2002, one year after the 9/11 attacks.

**HOW IS THE WAR ON TERROR GOING?**

	Now	10/2003	9/2002
Very well	8%	10%	12%
Somewhat well	52	53	65
Somewhat badly	26	22	17
Very badly	12	9	2

## IS THE GOVERNMENT READY?

Americans are divided on whether the U.S. is adequately prepared to deal with a terrorist attack; 49% think the U.S. is prepared, 44% think it is not. This is a significant change since March 2003, as the war in Iraq was starting. Then, 64% thought the U.S. was prepared to deal with an attack.

### IS U.S. PREPARED TO DEAL WITH ANOTHER ATTACK?

	Now	3/2003
Yes	49%	64%
No	44	29

In addition, fewer now think their state and local governments are prepared for an attack. 52% think they are not, while 39% think they are. In 2003, 49% thought their local governments were up to the task.

### IS STATE/LOCAL GOVT. PREPARED TO DEAL WITH ANOTHER ATTACK?

	Now	3/2003
Yes	39%	49%
No	52	42

Americans are especially worried about the government's ability to confront a biological or chemical attack. 73% say the U.S. is not prepared to deal with that.

### IS U.S. PREPARED TO DEAL WITH BIOLOGICAL/CHEMICAL ATTACK?

Yes	17%
No	73

These findings underscore the perception of a majority of Americans that the government could be doing more to prevent another attack. 58% think the government has not done all it could to make the country safe from future attacks, while 40% think it has. That has not changed since a year after the attacks.

### HAS GOVT. DONE ALL IT COULD TO MAKE U.S. SAFE FROM ATTACKS?

	Now	9/2002
Yes	40%	42%
No	58	54

Americans are evenly divided as to whether the federal government has done enough to improve airport security since 9/11. Opinion has risen from mid-August, when the foiled plot to blow up airplanes traveling from England to the United States was in the forefront of the news. But the current numbers are similar to those of one year ago.

**HAS FEDERAL GOVT. DONE ENOUGH TO IMPROVE AIRPORT SECURITY?**

	Now	8/14/2006	8/2005
Yes	48%	39%	50%
No	50	58	46

Still, most express confidence that the government will protect its citizens from attacks. 70% have at least some confidence (although fewer than one in five have a great deal of confidence), and 29% are not confident. Fewer had confidence immediately after Hurricane Katrina hit the Gulf Coast last year. But many more did just after the 9/11 attacks.

**CONFIDENCE IN GOVT. TO PROTECT U.S. FROM ATTACK?**

	Now	9/2005	9/2002	9/2001
A great deal	18%	19%	17%	35%
Fair amount	52	40	37	53
Not much/none	29	40	43	11

Americans seem resigned to living with the threat of terrorism. 81% think it is something Americans will always have to live with, while only 18% think it can someday be eliminated.

**PRESIDENT BUSH AND THE CAMPAIGN AGAINST TERRORISM**

Currently, 55% of Americans approve of the way the President is handling the war on terror - up four points from mid-August and the highest rating he has received in over twelve months. Still, approval of Bush's handling of terrorism has dropped considerably over the last five years - in December 2001, 90% of Americans approved.

**BUSH'S HANDLING OF TERRORISM**

	Approve	Disapprove
Now	55%	38
8/14/2006	51%	43
2/2006	43%	50
7/2005	55%	39
4/2004	56%	38
12/2003	68%	26
8/2002	72%	21
12/2001	90%	6

Approval slowly declined throughout 2002, and reached the mid-50s in April 2004, where it has, for the most part, remained.

A large majority of Republicans (86%) approve of President Bush's handling of this issue, while only 32% of Democrats do. Independents are more divided - 50% approve and 39% disapprove.

A majority of Americans also believe the Bush Administration has made at least some progress - but not necessarily a lot - in both developing a comprehensive plan to protect the United States from

future terrorist attacks and in eliminating the threat posed by terrorists operating from other countries.

**HOW MUCH PROGRESS HAS THE ADMINISTRATION MADE...?**

	<u>A lot</u>	<u>Some</u>	<u>Not Much/None</u>
Developing plan to protect the U.S. from terrorism	16%	55	26
Eliminating terrorist threat from other countries	13%	55	29

About half of all Americans think the policies of the Bush Administration have made the U.S. safer from terrorism, but one in 4 believes Administration policies have made the country less safe, while a similar number say they have had no effect.

**BUSH ADMINISTRATION POLICIES HAVE MADE U.S.:**

	Now	9/2003
Safer	48%	60%
Less safe	25	18
No effect	22	18

One reason for skepticism may be that nearly half of Americans do not think terrorism is a problem a president can do much about. While 51% of Americans believe terrorism is something a president can do a lot about, nearly as many - 45% - think terrorism is beyond a president's control.

**DO ANTI-TERROR MEASURES AFFECT CIVIL LIBERTIES?**

Americans are less willing to criticize the Bush Administration for limiting civil liberties in order to fight terrorists than they were in July, before the revelation of the foiled plot to blow up airplanes. Now only one in 4 Americans believes the Administration has gone too far in limiting civil liberties, down 7 points from July. Most Americans - 53% - believe that balance is about right, and one in 5 Americans thinks the Bush Administration has not gone far enough.

**BUSH ADMINISTRATION'S ANTI-TERROR MEASURES HAVE...**

	Now	7/2006
Gone too far limiting civil liberties	24%	31%
Not gone far enough	19	12
Balance about right	53	52

However, a majority of Americans - 68% - think they will have to give up some of their personal freedoms in order to make the country safe from terrorism; fewer than half as many say they will not. This number has been consistent for the past few years, although it is down 11 points from when Americans were asked this question right after the terrorist attacks in September, 2001.

**WILL AMERICANS HAVE TO TRADE SOME FREEDOMS FOR SAFETY?**

	Now	9/2001
Yes	68%	79%
No	29	19

Still, 59% of Americans say they are at least somewhat concerned about losing some of their civil liberties - with one in 4 saying they are very concerned - down slightly from December, 2001. 70% of Democrats and 59% of Independents are at least somewhat concerned, while less than half of all Republicans (45%) agree.

**CONCERNED ABOUT LOSING YOUR CIVIL LIBERTIES?**

	Now	12/2001
Very	25%	33%
Somewhat	34	32
Not very/not at all	39	35

But most Americans also believe that a President should not have the power to make changes to the rights usually guaranteed by the Constitution in order to conduct the current campaign against terrorism. 59% say a President should not have this power, while 36% disagree - down 6 points from July. These numbers mark a turnaround from December of 2001, when most Americans - 64% - said a President should have this authority.

**TO FIGHT TERROR, SHOULD A PRESIDENT BE ABLE TO MAKE CHANGES TO CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS?**

	Now	12/2001
Yes	36%	64%
No	59	29

A 62% majority of Republicans, 58% of conservatives, and 70% of Americans who approve of the way Bush is handling his job as president believe a President should have wider authority to fight terrorism.

The foiled London plot may have made Americans a little more willing to allow the government to monitor the phone calls of ordinary Americans in order to reduce the threat of terrorism. 38% now say that's acceptable, up 8 points from last May, and the highest number since right after the terrorist attacks of September 11<sup>th</sup> (45%). This number doubles to 76% when Americans are asked about monitoring the phone calls of people the government is suspicious of.

**WILLING TO ALLOW GOVERNMENT TO MONITOR PHONE CALLS OF...**

	Now	5/2006	4/2005	9/2001
Ordinary Americans	38%	30%	29%	45%
Americans gov't suspects	76%	69%	56%	--

The difference in support may be because most Americans have little concern that their own telephone calls will be monitored. 70% say

they are not very or not at all concerned, 15% say they are somewhat concerned, and only 14% say they are very concerned.

There are, however, large differences in terms of race. 51% of blacks say they are at least somewhat concerned that their phone calls will be monitored, while half as many whites are. And the difference is even greater when it comes to being very concerned. 4 out of 10 blacks say they are very concerned, as opposed to only 1 out of 10 whites.

**CONCERNED THE GOV'T MIGHT MONITOR YOUR OWN CALLS?**

	Total	Whites	Blacks
Very	14%	10%	41%
Somewhat	15	15	10
Not very/not at all	70	74	49

"Racial profiling" in the United States has been understood to mean police stopping blacks more than whites. Americans as a whole are divided on the issue, but a slight majority of whites think the practice is justified, while only one out of 4 blacks think so.

When asked specifically about racial and ethnic profiling at airport checkpoints (a question that is most likely understood as NOT being about profiling African-Americans but about Arabs and Arab Americans), support among blacks increases, though a majority still believes it is not justified. 52% of whites continue to support it.

**IS RACIAL PROFILING JUSTIFIED?**

	Total	Whites	Blacks
Justified in general	47%	52%	25%
Not justified in general	45	39	70
Justified at airports	49%	52%	38%
Not justified at airports	46	43	56

Regardless of whether or not Americans agree with racial or ethnic profiling, Americans think it is likely to occur. When asked how likely they think it is that Arab Americans, Muslims, and immigrants from the Middle East are being singled out unfairly by people in this country, 83% say it is at least somewhat likely, with one out of 3 saying it is very likely. These numbers are lower than they were right after September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2001.

**LIKELY THAT ARAB AMERICANS AND MUSLIMS ARE SINGLED OUT UNFAIRLY?**

	Now	8/14/2006	1/2002	9/2001
Very likely	34%	41%	31%	50%
Somewhat likely	49	43	47	40
Not likely	16	15	19	9

## NEW YORK CITY

76% of Americans have a good image of New York City. While this number is a bit lower than it was in the year after the 2001 attacks, it remains higher than it was before the attacks.

		IMAGE OF NEW YORK CITY				
	Now	9/2002	9/2001	3/1998	6/1996	
Good image	76%	83%	84%	61%	43%	
Bad image	14	11	10	29	43	

In addition, 67% say that if they had the time and money they would visit New York City.

The public's view of New York City is considerably better than their view of New Orleans, now facing its one-year anniversary of the landfall of Hurricane Katrina. Only 49% of Americans say they have a good image of New Orleans, and only 45% say they would visit New Orleans as a vacation destination.

## NEW YORKERS' VIEWS OF 9/11

Residents of New York City are much more concerned than other Americans about a terrorist attack in their area, and far fewer of them feel safe. More of them live with memories of the 9/11 attacks. New Yorkers are also more critical of the federal and local government's efforts to prepare for another attack.

36% of New Yorkers report feeling safe -- nearly twenty percentage points lower than among Americans as a whole. Nearly two-thirds don't feel safe: 47% feel somewhat uneasy, and 16% feel in danger.

### HOW SAFE DO YOU FEEL?

	New York	Total U.S.
Generally safe	36%	54%
Somewhat uneasy	47	40
In danger	16	6

When asked about most New Yorkers, only 19% believe most New Yorkers feel safe, 55% think they feel somewhat uneasy, and 21% think they feel in danger.

The threat of terrorism is always present in the minds of most New Yorkers. Nearly seven in 10 are personally very concerned about another terrorist attack in New York City -- more than three times as many as nationally express concern about an attack in their area.

### PERSONALLY CONCERNED ABOUT ATTACK IN YOUR AREA?

	New York City	Total U.S.
Yes	69%	22%
No	30	78

But New Yorkers are only slightly more likely than Americans as a whole to expect another terrorist attack in the U.S. generally. 21% expect that is very likely, and another 36% expect it is somewhat likely.

New Yorkers are more negative than Americans overall about the war on terrorism. Just 23% view the U.S. as winning that war, while about the same percentage sees the terrorists as winning. 40% think neither side is winning.

**WHO IS WINNING THE WAR ON TERROR?**

	New York City	Total U.S.
U.S. and its allies	23%	36%
Neither side	40	38
Terrorists	26	21

Not only are New Yorkers less likely to say the U.S. is winning the war on terrorism, but they are also doubtful the government -- at any level -- has adequately prepared for another possible attack. Only 25% think the federal government has done all it could to make the U.S. safe -- a much smaller percentage than among Americans overall.

**HAS GOVT. DONE ALL IT COULD TO MAKE U.S. SAFE FROM ATTACKS?**

	New York City	Total U.S.
Yes	25%	40%
No	72	58

Only 35% of New Yorkers (compared to 48% of Americans as a whole) feel the federal government has done enough to improve airport security. 62% feel it has not.

Local government is also viewed as unprepared by many New Yorkers. Just 39% think New York City is prepared to deal with another attack; even more, 51%, think it is not. Only 13% believe New York City is prepared for a biological or chemical attack.

When asked whether the government in Washington is doing enough to protect New York City specifically from terrorism, 58% of New Yorkers say it is not, up from 44% in 2002.

**IS GOVT. IN WASHINGTON DOING ENOUGH TO PROTECT NYC?**

(Among New Yorkers)

	Now	6/2002
Yes	34%	46%
No	58	44

New Yorkers are also more likely than Americans generally to have the events of 9/11 on their minds. 29% think about the attacks every day, compared to 17% of Americans overall. Another 17% think about it every week.

**HOW OFTEN DO YOU THINK ABOUT THE ATTACKS OF 9/11?**

	New York City	Total U.S.
Every day	29%	17%
Every week	17	27
Once in a while	47	49
Hardly ever/never	6	7

While most New Yorkers' lives have returned to normal following the 2001 attacks, 31% are still dealing with changes caused by the attacks, and another 2% volunteer that life will never return to normal. New Yorkers are also more likely to experience some residual anxiety as a result of the attacks. 40% report still feeling nervous and edgy, versus 24% of Americans overall.

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The national poll was conducted among a nationwide random sample of 1206 adults, interviewed by telephone August 17-21, 2006. The error due to sampling could be plus or minus three percentage points for results based on the complete sample.

The New York City poll was conducted among a citywide random sample of 838 adults, interviewed by telephone August 23-27, 2006. The error due to sampling could be plus or minus three percentage points for results based on the complete sample.

CBS NEWS/NEW YORK TIMES POLL

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q9 Do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling the campaign against terrorism?

\*\* TOTAL RESPONDENTS \*\*

\*\*\* Party ID \*\*\*

	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind	Aug06a
	%	%	%	%	%
Approve	55	86	32	50	51
Disapprove	38	11	60	39	43
DK/NA	7	3	8	11	6

q19 Do you think of the war with Iraq as part of the war on terrorism, or do you think of it as separate from the war on terrorism? IF YES, ASK: Is it a major part of the war on terrorism, or a minor part of the war on terrorism?

Major part	32	53	16	30	35
Minor part	12	16	11	9	15
Not part	51	26	70	54	46
DK/NA	5	5	3	7	4

q28 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?

A great deal	18	29	9	16	17
A fair amount	52	57	47	53	51
Not very much	24	12	35	24	25
None at all	5	2	8	6	6
DK/NA	1	0	1	1	1

q29 Do you think Americans will have to give up some of their personal freedoms in order to make the country safe from terrorist attacks, or not?

					Jan06a
Yes	68	77	60	69	65
No	29	20	37	28	31
DK/NA	3	3	3	3	4

q30 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, not at all likely?

					Aug06a
Very likely	16	13	18	16	17
Somewhat likely	43	45	42	41	47
Not very likely	30	32	30	28	27
Not at all likely	9	8	7	12	6
Already happened (Vol.)	0	0	0	0	x
DK/NA	2	2	3	3	3

q31 Would you say you personally are very concerned about a terrorist attack in the area where you live, or not?

Yes	22	20	21	24	26
No	78	80	78	75	73
DK/NA	0	0	1	1	1

q32 In general, do you think the United States is adequately prepared to deal with another terrorist attack, or not?

	** TOTAL RESPONDENTS **				3/20-3/24 Mar03f
	Total	*** Party ID ***			
	Rep	Dem	Ind		
	%	%	%	%	
Prepared	49	65	37	48	64
Not	44	28	58	45	29
DK/NA	7	7	5	7	7

q33 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	39	45	38	36	49
Not	52	47	53	55	42
DK/NA	9	8	9	9	9

q34 Do you think the United States is adequately prepared to deal with a biological or chemical attack, or not?

					Sep02a
Is adequately prepared	17	22	13	16	21
Is not adequately prepared	73	65	79	73	70
DK/NA	10	13	8	11	9

q35 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?

					Aug06a
Done all it could	48	60	39	46	39
Could have done more	50	38	57	53	58
DK/NA	2	2	4	1	3

q36 Who do you think is currently winning the war against terrorism -- the United States and its allies, neither side, or the terrorists?

U. S. and its allies	36	58	21	32	35
Neither side	38	26	45	42	41
Terrorists	21	12	28	23	20
DK/NA	5	4	6	3	4

q37 Do you think Saddam Hussein was personally involved in the September 11th, 2001 terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon?

					Feb06b
Yes	31	45	20	29	29
No	60	45	73	60	57
DK/NA	9	10	7	11	14

q38 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?

					Aug06a
Very well	8	18	3	4	11
Somewhat well	52	65	41	52	51
Somewhat badly	26	12	37	28	23
Very badly	12	3	19	13	14
DK/NA	2	2	0	3	1

q39 Do you think the policies of the Bush Administration have made the United States safer from terrorism, less safe from terrorism, or have the policies of the Bush Administration not affected the U.S.' safety from terrorism?

\*\* TOTAL RESPONDENTS \*\*

\*\*\* Party ID \*\*\*

	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind	Aug06a
	%	%	%	%	%
Safer	48	75	27	45	51
Less safe	25	6	43	25	29
No effect	22	15	26	23	16
DK/NA	5	4	4	7	4

q40 Is terrorism something a president can do a lot about, or is that beyond any president's control?

	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind	Apr04d
Can do a lot about	51	54	55	44	49
Beyond a president's control	45	42	41	51	45
DK/NA	4	4	4	5	6

q41 Do you think the Bush Administration has made a lot of progress, some progress, not much progress, or no progress at all in eliminating the threat from terrorists operating from other countries?

	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind	Sep02a
A lot	13	24	6	11	9
Some	55	64	48	54	57
Not much	18	7	25	21	24
No progress at all	11	2	19	11	9
DK/NA	3	3	2	2	1

q42 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 United States against terrorism?

	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind	May03a
A lot	16	30	7	11	42
Some	55	58	48	59	44
Not much	15	6	20	17	8
No progress at all	11	3	21	9	3
DK/NA	3	3	4	4	3

q44 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?

	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind	Jul06a
Too far	24	8	38	23	31
Not far enough	19	24	13	21	12
About right	53	64	45	51	52
DK/NA	4	4	4	5	5

q45 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?

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	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind	Sep02a
	%	%	%	%	%
Very concerned	25	12	32	30	29
Somewhat concerned	34	33	38	29	35
Not very concerned	23	27	19	25	20
Not at all concerned	16	27	10	14	13
DK/NA	2	1	1	2	3

q46 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?

					Jul06a
Good idea	36	62	18	31	43
Bad idea	59	33	78	62	53
DK/NA	5	5	4	7	4

q47 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 ordinary Americans on a regular basis?

					May06b
Willing	38	56	23	37	30
Not willing	59	42	74	59	68
DK/NA	3	2	3	4	2

q48 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	76	90	67	72	69
Not willing	21	9	30	22	26
DK/NA	3	1	3	6	5

q49 How concerned are you, personally, that the government might choose to monitor your own phone calls or emails -- are you very concerned, somewhat concerned, not very concerned, or not at all concerned?

					Feb06b
Very concerned	14	5	23	14	14
Somewhat concerned	15	13	19	13	17
Not very concerned	23	22	21	27	22
Not at all concerned	47	60	38	46	48
DK/NA	1	0	0	0	0

q50 Think back to September 11, 2001 when terrorists attacked the World Trade Center and the Pentagon. Would you say that daily life in America has mostly returned to the way it was before the attacks, that daily life has somewhat returned to the way it was before the attacks or that daily life has not returned to the way it was before the attacks?

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	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind
	%	%	%	%
Mostly returned	28	32	25	28
Somewhat returned	48	52	45	48
Has not returned	23	15	28	24
DK/NA	1	1	2	0

q51 About how often do you think about Sept. 11 -- every day, every week, once in a while, or hardly ever?

	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind	Sep02a
	%	%	%	%	%
Every day	17	19	16	18	34
Every week	27	32	23	25	28
Once in a while	49	44	52	49	31
Hardly ever	7	5	8	7	6
Never (vol.)	0	0	0	0	0
DK/NA	0	0	1	1	1

q52 In the five years since the attacks of Sept. 11th, do you think the threat of terrorism against the U.S. has increased, decreased, or has it stayed about the same?

	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind	Aug05b*
Increased	41	35	45	43	30
Decreased	14	18	9	17	18
Stayed the same	43	45	46	39	49
DK/NA	2	2	0	1	3

\*Varied: In the four years since the attacks of September 11th, 2001...

q53 In the five years since Sept. 11, 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?

	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind	Jul05a*
Done all it reasonably could	40	56	33	33	41
Could have done more	58	42	64	65	54
DK/NA	2	2	3	2	5

\*Varied: Since September 11, 2001...

q54 Do you think Americans will always have to live with the threat of terrorism in the U.S., or do you think the threat of terrorism in the U.S. can someday be eliminated?

	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind	Aug05b
	%	%	%	%	%
Always live with	81	85	76	82	79
Someday eliminate	18	14	22	18	19
DK/NA	1	1	2	0	2

q55 As a result of U.S. military action against Afghanistan, do you think the threat of terrorism against the United States has increased, decreased, or stayed about the same?

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	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind
	%	%	%	%
Increased	35	29	41	33
Decreased	16	22	10	16
Stayed about the same	46	45	47	46
DK/NA	3	4	2	5

q56 As a result of the United States' military action against Iraq, do you think the threat of terrorism against the United States has increased, decreased, or stayed about the same?

					Aug06a
Increased	48	32	58	51	48
Decreased	12	22	5	11	9
Stayed about the same	39	45	35	37	42
DK/NA	1	1	2	1	1

q57 Right now, is the U.S. involvement in Iraq and Afghanistan creating more terrorists who are planning to attack the U.S., eliminating terrorists who were planning to attack the U.S., or is the U.S. involvement in Iraq and Afghanistan not affecting the number of terrorists planning to attack the U.S.?

Creating more terrorists	54	34	68	57
Eliminating terrorists	15	29	5	12
Not effecting the number	24	29	20	23
DK/NA	7	8	7	8

q58 How do you think most Americans feel these days about their own safety from terrorist attacks? Do you think most Americans generally feel safe from terrorist attacks, feel somewhat uneasy, or feel in danger?

					Oct02f
Safe	31	39	26	28	20
Uneasy	57	53	58	60	62
Under danger	10	5	14	11	15
DK/NA	2	3	2	1	3

q59 What about you personally? Do you generally feel safe from terrorist attacks, feel somewhat uneasy, or feel in danger?

Safe	54	64	50	49	52
Uneasy	40	34	41	44	40
Under danger	6	2	8	6	7
DK/NA	0	0	1	1	1

q60 Compared with five years ago, do you feel more safe from the threat of terrorism, less safe, or about as safe as you felt five years ago?

More safe	14	21	9	12
Less safe	39	30	42	44
Same	46	49	49	42
DK/NA	1	0	0	2

q61 How much confidence do you have in the ability of the U.S. government to capture or kill Osama Bin Laden -- would you say you're very confident he will be caught, somewhat confident, not too confident, or not at all confident?

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	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind	Sep03a
	%	%	%	%	%
Very confident	14	27	8	10	21
Somewhat confident	34	44	24	34	31
Not too confident	29	20	38	27	26
Not at all confident	20	6	27	25	19
Not alive (Vol.)	1	1	1	0	1
DK/NA	2	2	2	4	2

q62 Thinking about the war on terrorism, if Osama bin Laden is NOT captured or killed, THEN do you think the United States can win the war against terrorism, or not?

Can win	30	44	21	27
Cannot win	58	45	69	58
Mixed (vol.)	4	4	3	5
DK/NA	8	7	7	10

q63 Did the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon make you more likely to fly, less likely or didn't it have much effect on whether or not you fly?

					Sep01c
More likely	1	1	1	0	3
Less likely	25	21	24	29	36
No effect	73	77	74	69	60
DK/NA	1	1	1	2	1

q64 Have the terrorist attacks made you more likely to attend events where there are thousands of people, less likely, or hasn't it had much effect on whether or not you attend events with thousands of people?

More likely	1	2	1	1
Less likely	19	13	21	23
No effect	78	85	78	74
DK/NA	2	0	0	2

q65 At any time since the attacks, did you feel nervous or edgy? IF YES, ASK Do you still feel nervous or edgy?

					Sep02a
Yes, still nervous	24	19	26	27	16
Yes, but not now	22	26	20	21	28
No	53	54	54	51	55
DK/NA	1	1	0	1	1

q66 It has been reported that sometimes law enforcement officers stop people of certain racial or ethnic groups because they believe that these groups are more likely than others to commit certain types of crimes. Do you think this practice is justified, or not?

Justified	47	65	33	45
Not justified	45	28	58	46
Depends (Vol.)	5	4	6	5
DK/NA	3	3	3	4

q67 Do you think it would be justified or not justified for people of certain racial or ethnic groups to be subject to additional security checks at airport checkpoints?

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	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind
	%	%	%	%
Justified	49	63	40	46
Not justified	46	33	55	48
Depends (Vol.)	3	2	3	3
DK/NA	2	2	2	3

q85 How likely do you think it is NOW that Arab Americans, Muslims, and immigrants from the Middle East are being singled out unfairly by people in this country - very likely, somewhat likely, not too likely, or not at all likely?

					Aug06a
Very likely	34	28	36	36	41
Somewhat likely	49	52	48	46	43
Not too likely	11	12	11	9	11
Not at all likely	5	7	4	6	4
DK/NA	1	1	1	3	1

q88 In general, do you have a good image or a bad image of New York City?

					Sep02a
Good image	76	81	76	72	83
Bad image	14	15	14	15	11
DK/NA	10	4	10	13	6

q90 Do you consider yourself very patriotic, somewhat patriotic, or not very patriotic?

					Sep01c
Very patriotic	62	76	53	57	72
Somewhat patriotic	33	22	43	33	24
Not very patriotic	4	2	3	6	3
Unpatriotic (Vol.)	1	0	0	1	0
DK/NA	0	0	1	3	1

q92 If you could afford it and had the vacation time, would you visit New York City in the next year or so or not?

Yes	67	68	70	63
No	30	31	27	33
Already live there (vol.)	2	1	3	3
DK/NA	1	0	0	1

q94 Do you or any of your friends or relatives know someone who was hurt or killed in the 9/11 terrorist attacks?

					Sep02a
					%
Yes	30	30	29	32	26
No	69	70	71	67	74
DK/NA	1	0	0	1	0

q95 Do you personally have a close friend or relative who was hurt or killed in the 9/11 terrorist attacks?

THOSE WHO SAID "YES" IN Q94

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	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind	Sep02a
	%	%	%	%	%
Yes	26	22	30	26	27
No	74	78	70	73	73
DK/NA	0	0	0	1	0

q96 Do you personally know anyone who is an immigrant from an Arab country? IF YES, ASK: Would you say they are a close friend or not?

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	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind	
	%	%	%	%	%
Know Arab immigrant/close	13	13	13	12	12
Know Arab immigrant/not close	25	22	24	28	23
Don't know any	62	64	62	59	63
Self or family (vol.)	0	0	0	0	1
DK/NA	0	1	1	1	1

	<u>UNWEIGHTED</u>	<u>WEIGHTED</u>
Total Respondents	1206	
Total Republicans	357	367
Total Democrats	419	419
Total Independents	430	420

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q1-q8 RELEASED SEPARATELY

q9 How likely do you think it is that there will be another terrorist attack on the United States within the next few months -- very likely, somewhat likely, not very likely, or not at all likely?

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	Total %	Aug03c %
Very likely	21	17
Somewhat likely	36	39
Not very likely	21	27
Not at all likely	14	12
DK/NA	8	5

q10 Since September 11th, do you think the government in Washington is doing enough to help protect New York City from terrorist attacks, or not?

		Aug04b
Enough	34	45
Not enough	58	47
DK/NA	8	8

q11 Do you think of the war with Iraq as part of the war on terrorism, or do you think of it as separate from the war on terrorism? IF YES, ASK: Is it a major part of the war on terrorism, or a minor part of the war on terrorism?

Major part	22
Minor part	10
Not part	58
DK/NA	10

q12 In the five years since Sept. 11, 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 reasonably could	25
Could have done more	72
DK/NA	3

q13 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	35
Could have done more	62
DK/NA	3

q14 Who do you think is currently winning the war against terrorism -- the United States and its allies, neither side, or the terrorists?

United States and its allies	23
Neither side	40
Terrorists	26
DK/NA	11

q15 Would you say you are personally very concerned about another terrorist attack in New York City, or not?

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	Total	Aug05a
	%	%
Yes	69	67
No	30	30
DK/NA	1	3

q16 Do you think New York City is adequately prepared to deal with another terrorist attack, or not?

Is adequately prepared	39	31
Is not adequately prepared	51	59
DK/NA	10	10

q17 Do you think New York City is adequately prepared to deal with a biological or chemical attack, or not?

		Aug03c
Is adequately prepared	13	14
Is not adequately prepared	74	71
DK/NA	13	15

q18-q22 RELEASED SEPARATELY

q23 As of today, would you say your daily routine has gotten pretty much back to normal, or are you still dealing with changes caused by the attacks on the World Trade Center?

		Aug05a
Back to normal	64	63
Still dealing	31	32
Never back to normal (Vol.	2	2
DK/NA	3	3

q24 How do you think most New Yorkers feel these days about their own safety from terrorist attacks? Do you think most New Yorkers generally feel safe from terrorist attacks, feel somewhat uneasy, or feel in danger?

		Aug04b
Safe	19	15
Uneasy	55	59
In danger	21	20
DK/NA	5	6

q25 What about you personally? Do you generally feel safe from terrorist attacks, feel somewhat uneasy, or feel in danger?

Safe	36	30
Uneasy	47	53
Danger	16	12
DK/NA	1	5

q26 About how often do you think about Sept. 11 -- every day, every week, once in a while, or hardly ever?

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	Total %	Aug03c %
Every day	29	24
Every week	17	18
Once in a while	47	48
Hardly ever	5	8
Never (Vol.)	1	1
DK/NA	1	1

q27 At any time since the attacks, did you feel nervous or edgy? IF YES, ASK: Do you still feel nervous or edgy?

Yes, still nervous	40	34
Yes, but not now	30	29
No	30	35
DK/NA	0	2

Total Respondents: 838