

POLL 133b  
General population  
September 22-26, 2001

**I'd like to ask you some questions about the recent terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center in New York and the Pentagon in Washington.**

- T1. Do you personally know someone who was seriously injured or lost as a result of the attacks, or not?
- 1 Yes
  - 2 No
  - 9 Don't know
- T2. Are you personally worried that you or a close relative or friend might be the victim of a further terrorist attack in this country—is this something that worries you a great deal, somewhat, not too much, or not at all?
- 1 Great deal
  - 2 Somewhat worried
  - 3 Not too worried
  - 4 Not at all worried
  - 9 Don't know
- T3. I'd like to read you a list of emotions. For each one, please tell me whether that describes how you have been feeling as a result of the attacks. First, have you been feeling (FILL\_\_\_\_), or not?  
**[RANDOMIZE A-G]**
- A Patriotic
  - B Scared
  - C Angry
  - D Religious
  - E Part of a larger community
  - F Depressed
  - G Nervous
- 1 Yes
  - 2 No
  - 9 Don't know
- T4. People across the country experienced the attack and what has happened since in different ways. Please tell me which of the following three statements best describes your experience:
- 1 First, I went through it mainly by myself.
  - 2 Second, I went through it with family and friends OR
  - 3 Third, I experienced it as part of a larger group of people
  - 9 Don't know

**ASK T5 IF T4 EQ 3 (ELSE GOTO T6)**

- T5. And would that be (READ OPTIONS 1 THROUGH 3)
- 1 As part of your local community
  - 2 As part of the country as a whole, OR

- 3 As a citizen of the world
- 9 Don't know

T6. I'd like you to think back to the week following the attack, and tell me whether or not you did any of the following. Just yes or no will be fine.

Did you (FILL\_\_\_\_) ?

**[RANDOMIZE A-F]**

- A Pray for the victims of the attack
- B Attend a gathering or memorial service in your community
- C Sing a patriotic song with others
- D Talk about the event with a stranger
- E Send an e-mail message about the event to a friend through the Internet
- F Display an American flag on your car or at home

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 9 Don't know

T6G. Did you come together at work or school for an organized discussion of what happened? IF YES, PROBE: Was that at work, at school or both?

- 1 Yes—work
- 2 Yes—school
- 3 Yes—both
- 4 No
- 9 Don't know

T7. Some people have reported that they plan to change their behaviors in the future, now that the threat of terrorism has become so real. Others don't plan to change what they do very much. Please tell me whether you are, or are not, less likely to do any of the following things as a result of the attacks.

First, are you less likely to.. (FILL) or not?

**[RANDOMIZE A-E]**

- A Travel on airplanes
- B Travel into New York City
- C Travel to Washington D.C.
- D Travel overseas
- E Trust Arab Americans

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 9 Don't know

T8. Which of the following two statements best describes how you feel:

- 1 In time things will get back to normal in the country and be pretty much like they were before the attack.

OR

- 2 Things will be different from this time on; the attack will bring some important permanent changes
- 3 Both/depends (VOL)
- 9 Don't know
- T9. Do you think the United States should or should not take military action against whoever is responsible for the attacks?
- 1 Yes
- 2 No [**GOTO T11**]
- 9 Don't know
- T10. And do you think military action should or should not be taken even if it means that innocent people are killed?
- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 9 Don't know
- T11. Do you think immigration and airport officials should treat travelers from Middle Eastern countries with more suspicion than they treat travelers from other countries, or should they be treated the same?
- 1 Suspicion
- 2 Same
- 9 Don't know
- T12. Do you think immigration from the Middle East to the United States should be more restrictive than it is now, or should things remain as they are? IF YES: Should it be halted altogether, or just limited?
- 1 Yes, halted
- 2 Yes, limited
- 3 No/remain as is
- 9 Don't know
- T13. Do you think Americans will have to give up some of their personal freedoms in order for the country to effectively fight terrorism, or not?
- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 9 Don't know
- T14. Would you personally be willing to have your e-mail read or phone tapped without a warrant in order to effectively fight terrorism, or not?
- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 9 Don't know

- T15. How proud are you to be an American... extremely proud, very proud, somewhat proud, or not very proud?
- 1 Extremely proud
  - 2 Very proud
  - 3 Somewhat proud
  - 4 Not very proud
  - 9 Don't know

**Now just a few final questions so we can classify your answers.**

- D1. In politics today, do you consider yourself a Democrat, Republican, Independent, or something else?
- 1 Democrat [**GOTO D3**]
  - 2 Republican [**GOTO D3**]
  - 3 Independent
  - 4 Something Else/Other
  - 9 Don't Know/No opinion

**(IF #3,4, OR 9 TO D1, ASK)**

- D2. Do you lean more toward the Democratic Party or more toward the Republican Party?

- 1 Democratic party
- 2 Republican party
- 3 Other party
- 4 Neither
- 9 Don't know/no opinion

- D3. Regardless of the political party you might favor, do you consider yourself to be liberal, conservative, or somewhere in between?

- 1 Liberal
- 2 Conservative
- 3 Somewhere in between
- 4 Other
- 9 Don't Know/No opinion

- D4. Did you receive a high school diploma?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No [**GOTO D6**]
- 9 Don't Know [**GOTO D6**]

- D5. Did you ever attend college -- IF YES, ASK: Did you graduate?

- 1 Yes, graduated
- 2 Yes, did not graduate [**GOTO D6**]
- 3 Junior college--graduate [**GOTO D6**]
- 4 Vocational/technical school [**GOTO D6**]
- 9 No [**GOTO D6**]

D5A. Was this from a 4-year college, a junior college two-year program, or a vocational/technical school?

- 1 Four year college
- 2 Junior college/2 year program
- 3 Vocational/technical school
- 9 Other/Don't know

D6. What was your age on your last birthday?

/ / / (ENTER AGE: 97=97+, 98=DK, 99 = REFUSED)

D7. Are you of Latino or Hispanic origin, such as Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban or some other Spanish background?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No/Don't know

D8. Are you white, black or of Asian origin?

- 1 White
- 2 Black
- 3 Asian
- 4 Other (VOL)
- 9 Not determined/Don't know

D8A. Were you born in the United States, or in another country?

- 1 Born in US
- 2 Born somewhere else
- 9 Don't know/Refused

**IF NOT REGISTERED TO VOTE (Q1A OR Q1B NE 1) GOTO D11**

D9. Can you recall if you voted in the 2000 election between Al Gore and George W. Bush, or did something prevent you from voting -- IF VOTED: Did you vote for Al Gore, George W. Bush, or someone else?

- 1 Voted for Gore
- 2 Voted for Bush
- 3 Voted for someone else
- 4 Did not vote
- 9 Don't know

D10. Can you recall if you voted in the 1997 election for Governor between Christie Whitman and Jim McGreevey, or did something prevent you from voting -- IF VOTED: Did you vote for Christie Whitman or Jim McGreevey?

- 1 Voted for Whitman
- 2 Voted for McGreevey
- 3 Voted for someone else (VOL.)
- 4 Did not vote
- 9 Don't know

D11. Do you consider yourself to be Catholic, Protestant, Jewish, Muslim, some other religion, atheist or agnostic?

- 1 Catholic
- 2 Protestant
- 3 Jewish
- 4 Muslim
- 5 Other
- 6 Atheist/Agnostic [**GOTO D12**]
- 9 Don't Know/Refused [**GOTO D12**]

D11A. How often do you usually attend religious services – at least once a week, 2 or 3 times a month, once a month, or less than once a month?

- 1 At least once a week
- 2 2 or 3 times a month
- 3 Once a month
- 4 Less than once a month
- 5 Never (VOL.)
- 9 Don't know

D12. In what county do you live?

- |               |               |             |
|---------------|---------------|-------------|
| 01 Atlantic   | 08 Gloucester | 15 Ocean    |
| 02 Bergen     | 09 Hudson     | 16 Passaic  |
| 03 Burlington | 10 Hunterdon  | 17 Salem    |
| 04 Camden     | 11 Mercer     | 18 Somerset |
| 05 Cape May   | 12 Middlesex  | 19 Sussex   |
| 06 Cumberland | 13 Monmouth   | 20 Union    |
| 07 Essex      | 14 Morris     | 21 Warren   |

99 Don't know/Refused

D13. Do you have a personal computer or PC in your household?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 9 Don't know

D14. Do you use the Internet either from home or work on at least a weekly basis?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 3 Yes, from somewhere else [VOL.]
- 9 Don't know

D15. So that we can group all answers, is your total annual family income before taxes: Under 35,000; between \$35,000 to just under \$70,000; between \$70,000 to just under \$100,000; or \$100,000 or more?

- 1 Under \$35,000
- 2 \$35,000 to \$69,999
- 3 \$70,000 to \$100,000
- 4 \$100,000 or more
- 9 Don't know