

## War On Terrorism

All data are from nationwide surveys of Americans 18 & older.

Polls listed chronologically.

**CNN/USA Today/Gallup Poll**. Latest: March 22-24, 2002. N=1,011 adults nationwide. MoE  $\pm$  3 (total sample):

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

	<b>U.S. and Allies</b>	<b>Neither Side</b>	<b>Terror- ists</b>	<b>No Opinion</b>
	%	%	%	%
3/22-24/02	51	35	12	2
3/4-7/02	53	34	10	3
1/02	66	25	7	2
12/01	64	28	5	3
11/01	53	33	11	3
10/01	42	44	11	3

**"If the U.S. were attacked by terrorists using nuclear weapons, do you think the United States would be justified or not justified in using nuclear weapons against training camps and other facilities used by the terrorists that the U.S. believes were responsible for the attack?"** Form A (N=510, MoE  $\pm$  5)

	<b>Justified</b>	<b>Not Justified</b>	<b>Not Sure</b>
	%	%	%
3/22-24/02	67	30	3

**"If the U.S. were attacked by terrorists using nuclear weapons, do you think the United States would be justified or not justified in using nuclear weapons against major cities in countries that harbor the terrorists the U.S. believes were responsible for the attack?"** Form A (N=510, MoE  $\pm$  5)

	<b>Justified</b>	<b>Not Justified</b>	<b>Not Sure</b>
	%	%	%
3/22-24/02	57	40	3

**"Turning to Iraq, would you favor or oppose the U.S. taking the following steps against Iraq? How about . . . ?"**

	<b>Favor</b>	<b>Oppose</b>	<b>Not Sure</b>
	%	%	%
<b>Arming and training Iraqi opposition forces but not using U.S. forces directly</b>	53	42	5
<b>Using military air strikes but no U.S. ground troops</b>	67	29	4

**Using U.S. ground troops to invade Iraq**

46                      50                      4

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**FOX News/Opinion Dynamics Poll.** Latest: March 12-13, 2002. N=900 registered voters nationwide. MoE  $\pm$  3.

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

	<b>Support</b>	<b>Oppose</b>	<b>Not Sure</b>
	%	%	%
3/12-13/02	91	6	3
2/26-27/02	82	11	7
1/30-31/02	89	7	4
1/9-10/02	90	5	5
12/12-13/01	91	6	3
11/28-29/01	91	5	4
11/14-15/01	91	6	3
10/31 - 11/1/01	87	8	5

**"Recently there has been discussion about a so-called 'shadow government' which consists of about 100 government officials who live and work underground who would take over in the event of a disabling attack on Washington, D.C. Do you think this shadow government is more reassuring to the American people or disturbing to the American people?"**

	%
Reassuring	46
Disturbing	36
Not sure	18

**"In addition to the military troops in Afghanistan, U.S. troops were recently sent to the Philippines, the former Soviet Republic of Georgia, and the country of Yemen. Does this military action make you feel more confident about winning the war on terrorism, or does it make you concerned that the war is spreading our military resources too thin?"**

	%
Confident	47
Concerned	31
Neither (vol.)	5
Both (vol.)	3
Not sure	14

**"Do you support or oppose the government developing tactical nuclear weapons to be used in the war on terror?"**

	%
Support	42
Oppose	48
Not sure	10

**"Do you feel as safe today as you did before the September 11 terrorist attacks, less safe today, or do you actually feel safer today than before September 11?"**

	%
As safe	42

Less safe	35
Safer	18
Not sure	5

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**ABC News/Washington Post Poll.** Latest: March 7-10, 2002. N=1,008 adults nationwide.  
MoE  $\pm$  3. Field work by TNS Intersearch.

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

	Approve	Disap- prove	No Opinion
	%	%	%
3/02	88	10	2
1/02	88	10	2
12/01	89	9	2
10/01	92	5	3

**"Do you think 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	No Opinion
	%	%	%	%	%
3/02	21	63	10	6	1
1/02	32	56	8	4	1

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

	Support	Oppose	No Opinion
	%	%	%
3/02	91	8	1
11/27/01	91	7	2
11/5-6/01	90	9	1

**"Do you think the U.S. military action in Afghanistan 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	No Opinion
	%	%	%	%	%
3/02	24	61	10	3	1
11/27/01	42	51	3	2	2
11/5-6/01	23	62	8	4	3

**"Do you think the United States is heading for the same kind of involvement in Afghanistan as it had in the Vietnam War, or do you think the United States will avoid that kind of involvement this time?"**

	Same As Vietnam	Will Avoid That	No Opinion
	%	%	%
3/02	18	77	5

**"Do you think it's worth risking a large number of U.S. military casualties in order to capture or kill Osama bin Laden, or not?"**

	Yes	No	No Opinion
	%	%	%

3/02	44	54	3
11/01	60	34	6

"Do you support or oppose sending U.S. troops to try to help capture terrorists in other countries, such as the Philippines and Yemen?"

	Support	Oppose	No Opinion
	%	%	%
3/02	72	26	1

"Would you favor or oppose having U.S. forces take military action against Iraq to force Saddam Hussein from power?"

	Favor	Oppose	No Opinion
	%	%	%
3/02	72	24	4
1/02	71	24	4
12/01	72	24	5
11/01	78	17	6

"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?"

	A Great Deal	A Good Amount	Only A Fair Amount	None At All	No Opinion
	%	%	%	%	%
3/02	18	38	39	5	-
1/02	18	40	37	6	1
11/27/01	24	39	32	5	1
11/5-6/01	17	35	40	7	1
9/11/01	35	31	30	2	1
6/97	10	26	52	10	3
8/96	12	23	49	16	-
5/95	12	24	51	12	1

"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	No Opinion
	%	%	%
3/02	66	33	1
12/01	59	40	1
11/27/01	62	36	1
11/5-6/01	56	43	2
10/15/01	68	29	3
10/8-9/01	71	27	2

**CNN/USA Today/Gallup Poll**. March 8-9, 2002. N=802 adults nationwide. MoE  $\pm$  4.

"Thinking about the terrorist attacks on September 11th, which occurred six months ago: Do you think this is or is not the most tragic news event in your lifetime?"

	%
Yes, is	80
No, is not	19

No opinion 1

**"As a result of the events that occurred on September 11th, would you say that now you are less willing to [see below], or not?"**

	<b>Less Willing</b>	<b>No, Not Less Willing</b>	<b>More Willing (vol.)</b>	<b>No Opinion</b>
	%	%	%	%
<b>Travel overseas</b>	45	52	1	2
<b>Fly on airplanes</b>	33	64	1	2
<b>Attend events where there are thousands of people</b>				
	32	66	1	1
<b>Go into skyscrapers</b>	27	70	1	2

**"Do you think September 11th should or should not be a national holiday every year like Veteran's Day or Memorial Day?"**

	%
Should	48
Should not	48
No opinion	4

**"Would you say that you now have less trust in Arabs living in this county than you did before the terrorist attacks on September 11th, or has your trust in Arabs living in this country not changed?"**

	%
Less trust	37
Hasn't changed	61
No opinion	2

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