

Americans on the War on Terrorism Questionnaire

Dates of Survey: November 1-4, 2001
Sample Size: 602 Respondents

Margin of Error: +/- 4%

Results (including demographics) are weighted to the Bureau of the Census's Current Population Study for education level and age.

1. Do you think it will be best for the future of the country if we take an active part in world affairs, or if we stay out of world affairs?

Active part	80.6%
Stay out	14.1
(Don't know)	5.3
(Refused)	.1

2. Please tell me whether you agree or disagree with the following statement:

The United States should cooperate fully with the United Nations.

[IF AGREE/DISAGREE, ASK:] Do you feel that way strongly or somewhat?

Strongly agree	34.3%
Somewhat agree	36.0
Somewhat disagree	12.7
Strongly disagree	11.4
(Don't know)	5.6
(Refused)	.1

<i>Total Agree</i>	<i>70.2</i>
<i>Total Disagree</i>	<i>24.1</i>

Statement: I would now like you to consider a list of possible approaches for trying to reduce the problem of terrorism. For each one I would like to know if you favor or oppose this approach.

3. First, do you favor or oppose using American military force against terrorist groups that were behind the September 11 attacks?

[IF FAVOR OR OPPOSE, ASK:] Would that be strongly (favor/oppose) or somewhat (favor/oppose)?

Strongly favor	82.3%
Somewhat favor	8.7
Somewhat oppose	3.1
Strongly oppose	5.0
(Don't know)	.9
(Refused)	-

<i>Total Favor</i>	<i>91.0</i>
<i>Total Oppose</i>	<i>8.1</i>

4. What about using American military force against groups in other countries that have committed international terrorist acts, but were NOT behind the September 11 attacks?

[IF FAVOR OR OPPOSE, ASK:] Would that be strongly (favor/oppose) or somewhat (favor/oppose)?

Strongly favor	51.6%
Somewhat favor	25.0
Somewhat oppose	10.2
Strongly oppose	9.6
(Don't know)	3.3
(Refused)	.2

Total Favor 76.6

Total Oppose 19.8

[RANDOMIZE REST OF SERIES]

5. What about building goodwill toward the US by helping poor countries develop their economies?

[IF FAVOR OR OPPOSE, ASK:] Would that be strongly (favor/oppose) or somewhat (favor/oppose)?

Strongly favor	40.3%
Somewhat favor	38.6
Somewhat oppose	8.7
Strongly oppose	9.5
(Don't know)	2.9
(Refused)	-

Total Favor 78.9

Total Oppose 18.2

6. What about working through the UN to strengthen international laws against terrorism and to make sure UN members cooperate in enforcing them?

[IF FAVOR OR OPPOSE, ASK:] Would that be strongly (favor/oppose) or somewhat (favor/oppose)?

Strongly favor	70.6%
Somewhat favor	19.2
Somewhat oppose	1.6
Strongly oppose	4.9
(Don't know)	3.5
(Refused)	.1

Total Favor 89.8

Total Oppose 6.5

7. What about putting greater pressure on both Israel and the Palestinians to reduce their level of conflict?

[IF FAVOR OR OPPOSE, ASK:] Would that be strongly (favor/oppose) or somewhat (favor/oppose)?

Strongly favor	49.2%
Somewhat favor	25.1
Somewhat oppose	6.0
Strongly oppose	12.1
(Don't know)	7.3
(Refused)	.2

Total Favor 74.3

Total Oppose 18.1

8. What about making a major effort to be seen as even-handed in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

[IF FAVOR OR OPPOSE, ASK:] Would that be strongly (favor/oppose) or somewhat (favor/oppose)?

Strongly favor	34.2%
Somewhat favor	29.1
Somewhat oppose	10.6
Strongly oppose	10.0
(Don't know)	15.8
(Refused)	.2

Total Favor 63.4

Total Oppose 20.6

9. What about building goodwill toward the US by providing food and medical assistance to people in poor countries?

[IF FAVOR OR OPPOSE, ASK:] Would that be strongly (favor/oppose) or somewhat (favor/oppose)?

Strongly favor	57.0%
Somewhat favor	28.8
Somewhat oppose	4.4
Strongly oppose	7.3
(Don't know)	2.6
(Refused)	-

Total Favor 85.7

Total Oppose 11.7

10. How important is it for the war on terrorism to be seen by the world as an effort of many countries working together, not just a US effort? Is it very important, somewhat important, not too important, or not at all important?

Very important	82.0%
Somewhat important	13.4
Not too important	1.9

Not at all important	2.5
(Don't know)	.3
(Refused)	-

11. If Osama Bin Laden were captured, we would need to decide whether he would be tried in a federal court in New York or in an International Criminal Tribunal. Some say it would be better to have Bin Laden tried in an International Criminal Tribunal because it would be more likely that the world would view the trial as impartial and less likely to lead to further terrorist attacks against the US. Others say it would be better to have Bin Laden tried in New York because the crime took place in America and we can be more confident that justice will be done. Do you think it would be better to have bin Laden tried in an International Criminal Tribunal or in New York?

International Criminal Tribunal	49.3%
New York	43.9
(Don't know)	6.2
(Refused)	.6

12. Please tell me which if the following positions is closer to yours:

A. In the current military action in Afghanistan, it would be better if more countries would join with us, because then it would be an international effort, not just an American one.

B. In the current military action in Afghanistan, it would be better NOT to get more countries involved, because if we did the operation would get bogged down by having to make decisions together with these other countries.

Better if more countries join us	73.1%
Better NOT to get other countries involved	24.1
Do it with NATO or UN (VOL.)	.1
(Don't know)	2.4
(Refused)	.2

13. Which of the following do you think should be the objective of a campaign against terrorist organizations?

A. Limiting the campaign to defeating, capturing, or killing Osama bin Laden and his terrorist network.

B. Broadening the campaign to defeating, capturing, or killing members of major international terrorist organizations, even if they were not involved in this specific attack.

Limit to Bin Laden and network	27.8%
Broaden to major terror organizations	66.9
(Don't know)	5.0
(Refused)	.3

[ASKED OF THOSE WHO SAID "LIMIT" IN Q13]

14. What if the broader campaign were limited to military actions conducted together with other countries and with UN approval? Would you then support or oppose a broader campaign?

Support	69.1%
Oppose	19.0
(Don't know)	11.9
(Refused)	-

[ASKED OF THOSE WHO SAID "BROADEN" IN Q13]

15. In this broader campaign, if other countries are not willing to participate in a military action, and the UN does not approve it, do you think the US should or should not take military action on its own?

Should	74.9%
Should not	18.5
(Don't know)	6.3
(Refused)	.4

[Q13-15 COMBINED]

Limit Always	5.6%
Broaden with UN	35.5
Broaden always	50.4
Don't Know	8.7
Refused	.3

16. Now I have some questions about Israel and Palestine. In the Middle East conflict, do you think the United States SHOULD take Israel's side, take the Palestinians' side, or not take either side?

Take Israel's side	20.2%
Take the Palestinians' side	.6
Not take either side	70.4
(Don't know)	8.7
(Refused)	-

17. In the Middle East conflict, do you think the United States generally DOES take Israel's side, take the Palestinians' side, or not take either side?

Take Israel's side	52.0%
Take the Palestinians' side	4.3
Not take either side	23.8
(Don't know)	19.8
(Refused)	.1

18. President Bush has said that there ought to be a Palestinian state, provided that it recognizes the right of Israel to exist. Do you support or do you oppose this position?

Support	76.8%
Oppose	12.7
(Don't know)	10.2
(Refused)	.2

19. Given America's current struggle with terrorism, do you think it is reasonable or not reasonable for the US to expect Israel to make a special effort to reduce its level of conflict with the Palestinians?

Reasonable	63.9%
Not Reasonable	24.5
(Don't know)	11.4
(Refused)	.2

20. If the Palestinians come to terms with Israel in a peace agreement, do you think the US should equalize the amount of aid it gives to Israel and to the Palestinians, or should the US continue to give Israel more?

Equalize Aid	61.7%
Give Israel More	23.0
Give Palestinians More than Israel (VOL.)	.2
Give Palestinians More than Now (VOL.)	.1
(Don't know)	14.0
(Refused)	.9

21. As you may know, there is currently a major conflict between the Israelis and the Palestinians about the future status of Jerusalem, because both parties see it as their traditional capital. It has been proposed that Jerusalem become an international city that would be policed by an international police force, so that they can each have their capitals in different parts of the city. Do you think the US should or should not support this idea?

Should support	50.7%
Should not support	33.8
(Don't know)	15.0
(Refused)	.6

22. Now, I'm going to ask some questions on a different subject. Do you favor or oppose sending US troops into Iraq to overthrow Saddam Hussein's government?

Favor	60.8%
Oppose	28.5
Favor, but should wait until later (VOL.)	3.7
(Don't know)	6.5
(Refused)	.5

[ASKED IF "FAVOR" IN Q22]

23. Would you favor the US sending its troops into Iraq at the same time it is fighting in Afghanistan, or do you think this should be done later?

Favor now	44.8%
Should be done later	44.9
(Don't know)	10.4
(Refused)	-

[ASKED IF "OPPOSED" OR "DK" IN Q22]

24. Would you favor sending US troops into Iraq after the fighting in Afghanistan is over, or would you be opposed?

Favor	11.8%
Oppose	69.7
(Don't know)	18.5
(Refused)	-

[Q22-24 COMBINED]

Favor now	27.2%
Favor later	35.1
Oppose	22.6
Don't know	14.6
Refused	.5

[ASKED IF "FAVOR LATER" IN Q22, "FAVOR NOW" OR "FAVOR LATER" IN Q23, OR "FAVOR" IN Q24]

Q25. What if our allies in the region and in Europe were opposed and refused to participate? Would you then favor or oppose sending US troops into Iraq to overthrow Saddam Hussein's government?

Favor	66.5%
Oppose	28.2
(Don't know)	5.3
(Refused)	-

[Q22-25 COMBINED]

Favor now alone	19.9%
Favor later alone	21.5
Favor now with others	6.9
Favor later with others	10.6
Oppose	22.6
Don't know	17.9
Refused	.5

Total Favor alone 41.4

Total Favor with others 17.5

Total Oppose 22.6

Statement: In the event that the UN has evidence that there is an international terrorist group operating in a country, there are a number of things that the UN Security Council might consider doing. I'm going to read some of these options, and for each one I would like to know if you think this is the kind of thing the UN Security Council should be ABLE to do, or if you think this would make it too powerful.

Q26. What about requiring the country to allow a UN-sponsored police force to enter the country and conduct investigations?

Should be able	69.8%
Too powerful	25.3
(Don't know)	5.0
(Refused)	-

Q27. What about requiring the country to freeze the assets of the suspected terrorist group?

Should be able	85.5%
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Too powerful	11.7
(Don't know)	2.7
(Refused)	-

Q28. What about requiring the country to provide intelligence on the suspected terrorist group?

Should be able	88.3%
Too powerful	7.0
(Don't know)	4.6
(Refused)	.1

Q29. What about requiring the country to arrest the suspected terrorist group?

Should be able	86.9%
Too powerful	10.0
(Don't know)	3.0
(Refused)	-

Q30. What about sending in an international military force to capture the suspected terrorist group, if the country refuses to do so?

Should be able	81.8%
Too powerful	13.2
(Don't know)	4.8
(Refused)	.3

Q31. Please tell me which of the following statements is closer to your own view:

A. Because Islamic religious and social traditions are intolerant and fundamentally incompatible with Western culture, violent conflict is bound to keep happening.

B. Though there are some fanatics in the Islamic world, most people there have needs and wants like those of people everywhere, so it is possible for us to find common ground.

Violent conflict	26.0%
Common ground	67.6
(Don't know)	6.4
(Refused)	.1

Q32. Finally, just a few questions for statistical purposes. In politics today, do you think of yourself as:

Strongly Republican	19.6
Leaning toward Republican	14.0
Leaning toward Democrat	10.5
Strongly Democrat	16.6
Independent	29.5
Other	5.9
(Don't know)	2.9
(Refused)	1.0

Q33. In what year were you born? (age calculated)

18-29	21.8
30-39	20.4
40-49	20.7
50-59	14.6
60-69	9.7
70 and older	11.5
Refused	1.3

Q34. What is the highest level of education that you have had:

Less than high school (no degree)	16.8
High school graduate	32.5
Some college	26.8
4 year college degree	15.6
Advanced degree	7.5
(Don't know)	.8
(Refused)	

Q35. What ethnic group do you consider yourself to be part of?

White/Caucasian	77.8
Black/ African American	7.1
Hispanic/Latino	5.8
Other	7.3
(Don't know)	.7
(Refused)	1.3

Q36. Please tell me which of the following best describes your total household income for last year.

Below \$15,000	12.0%
Between \$15,000 and \$30,000	21.6
Between \$30,000 and \$50,000	22.8
Between \$50,000 and \$75,000	17.9
Between \$75,000 and \$100,000	7.1
More than \$100,000	7.9
(Don't know)	1.1
(Refused)	9.6

Gender (Recorded by observation)

Male	48.8%
Female	51.2