

**PEW RESEARCH CENTER FOR THE PEOPLE AND THE PRESS**  
**'AMERICA RESPONDS' TRACKING SURVEY, PART I**  
**OCTOBER 10-14, 2001**  
**N=891**

Q.1 In general, how well do you think the U.S. government is doing in reducing the threat of terrorism? **[READ]**

48	Very well
40	Fairly well
6	Not too well
2	Not at all well
<u>4</u>	Don't know/Refused
100	

More specifically ...

Q.2 How well is the MILITARY effort to destroy the terrorist groups going? **[READ]**

45	Very well
35	Fairly well
6	Not too well
4	Not at all well
<u>10</u>	Don't know/Refused
100	

Q.3 How would you rate the job the government is doing in BUILDING DEFENSES at home to prevent future terrorist attacks? Would you say the government is doing an excellent job, a good job, only a fair job, or a poor job? **[READ]**

20	Excellent
47	Good
22	Only fair
4	Poor
<u>7</u>	Don't know/Refused
100	

Q.4 If you had to choose, what should get a higher priority now? **[READ AND ROTATE]**

		Late Sept
36	Building our defenses at home to prevent future terrorist attacks	<u>2001</u>
	--OR--	33
45	Taking military action to destroy terrorist networks around the world	44
13	Both <b>[VOL.]</b>	16
<u>6</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>7</u>
100		100

Q.5 In the past few days, have you yourself felt depressed because of your concerns about terrorist attacks or the war against terrorism?

<u>Total</u>	<u>Oct 10-11</u>	<u>Oct 12-14</u>		<u>Early Oct 2001<sup>1</sup></u>	<u>Mid-Sept 2001<sup>2</sup></u>	<u>GULF WAR Jan. 1991</u>
31	33	29	Yes	42	71	50
66	65	68	No	57	27	49
<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>
100	100	100		100	100	100
	(N=400)	(N=491)				

Q.6 In the past few days, have you had any trouble sleeping because of your concerns about terrorist attacks or the war against terrorism?

<u>Total</u>	<u>Oct 10-11</u>	<u>Oct 12-14</u>		<u>Early Oct 2001<sup>3</sup></u>	<u>Mid-Sept 2001<sup>4</sup></u>
13	14	12	Yes	18	33
86	86	87	No	81	66
<u>1</u>	<u>*</u>	<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
100	100	100	100	100	
	(N=400)	(N=491)			

Q.7 How worried are you that there will soon be another terrorist attack in the United States? [READ]

<u>Total</u>	<u>Oct 10-11</u>	<u>Oct 12-14</u>		<u>Early Oct 2001</u>
27	27	27	Very worried	28
40	38	42	Somewhat worried	45
19	18	19	Not too worried	15
12	15	10	Not at all worried	11
<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>1</u>
100	100	100		100
	(N=400)	(N=491)		

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1 In Early October 2001, the question was worded “ ... depressed by the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon?”

2 In Mid-September 2001, the question was worded “Have you yourself felt depressed by the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon?”

3 In Early October 2001, the question was worded “ ... sleeping because of the way you feel about the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon?”

4 In Mid-September 2001, the question was worded “Have you had any trouble sleeping because of the way you feel about the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon?”

Q.8 All in all, how worried are you that you or someone in your family might become a victim of a terrorist attack? Would you say you are **[READ]**

Total	Oct			Late Sept 2001	----- Gallup -----				
	10-11	12-14			9/14-15 2001 <sup>5</sup>	9/11 2001 <sup>6</sup>	Aug 1998	July 1996	April 1995 <sup>7</sup>
18	15	20	Very worried	17	18	23	10	13	14
32	32	32	Somewhat worried	36	33	35	22	26	28
29	30	29	Not too worried	31	35	24	38	34	33
19	21	17	Not at all worried	15	13	16	29	27	24
0	0	0	Already victim <b>[VOL.]</b>	*	*	1	--	--	--
2	2	2	Don't know/Refused	1	1	1	1	*	1
100	100	100		100	100	100	100	100	100

(N=400) (N=491)

Q.9 In general, how would you rate the job the press has done in covering the terrorist attacks and the war against terrorism? **[READ]**<sup>8</sup>

		Early Oct 2001	Mid-Sept 2001	<b>GULF WAR</b> Jan 1991
32	Excellent	48	56	36
42	Good	37	33	42
17	Only fair	10	6	15
6	Poor	3	3	5
3	Don't know/Refused	2	2	2
100		100	100	100

Q.10 Do you think the military should exert more control over how news organizations report about the war or do you think that most decisions about how to report about the war should be left to news organizations themselves?

		<b>GULF WAR</b> Jan 1991	Oct 1986
59	Give military more control	57	29
28	News organizations should decide	34	64
13	Don't know/Refused	9	7
100		100	100

**Q.11 ASKED OCT. 12-14 ONLY [N=490]:**

Q.11 Do you think the American news media should show videotaped speeches made by Osama bin Laden or not?

40	Yes
52	No
8	Don't know/Refused
100	

<sup>5</sup> For the September 14-15 Gallup trend the question started with wording, "I'd like to ask you a few questions about the events that occurred this past Tuesday in New York City and Washington, DC..."

<sup>6</sup> For the September 11 Gallup trend the question started with wording, "I'd like to ask you a few questions about the events that occurred today in New York City and Washington, DC..."

<sup>7</sup> For the April 1995 Gallup trend the question was worded, "How worried are you that you or someone in your family will become a victim of a terrorist attack similar to the bombing in Oklahoma City?"

<sup>8</sup> In Early October 2001 and Mid-September 2001 the question was worded, "In general, how would you rate the job the press has done in covering the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon?" In January 1991 the question was worded "covering the War in the Gulf."