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PEW.1 THROUGH PEW.3 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

ASK ALL:

PEW.4 How much have you heard or read about the Patriot Act, adopted in 2001, which is now up for renewal in Congress – a lot, some, not much, or nothing at all?

Feb 10-13 <u>2011</u>		January <u>2006</u>	December <u>2004</u>	<i>CBS/NYT</i> April <u>2004</u>
12	A lot	21	15	12
20	Some	30	29	27
31	Not much	23	27	28
35	Nothing at all	24	26	30
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	2	3	2

ASK ALL:

PEW.5 Which comes closer to your view... Is the Patriot Act a necessary tool that helps the government find terrorists or does it go too far and pose a threat to civil liberties?

				<i>Based on those that heard a lot/some...</i>			
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42	Necessary tool	39	33	49	48	46	52
34	Goes too far	38	39	41	46	48	42
23	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	23	28	10	6	6	6

¹ In April 2004 the CBS/NYT question was proceeded with "Some people say the Patriot Act is a necessary tool that helps the government find terrorists, while others say it goes too far and is a threat to civil liberties."