

**PEW RESEARCH CENTER FOR THE PEOPLE AND THE PRESS  
MID-NOVEMBER SURVEY  
MEDIA ATTITUDES / YOUTH ENGAGEMENT / RELIGION AFTER 9/11  
FINAL TOPLINE  
NOVEMBER 13 - 19, 2001  
N = 1,500**

Q.1 Do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling his job as president? **[IF DK ENTER AS DK. IF DEPENDS PROBE ONCE WITH: Overall do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling his job as president? [IF STILL DEPENDS ENTER AS DK]**

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>Don't Know</u>
Mid-November, 2001	84	9	7=100
Early October, 2001	84	8	8=100
Late September, 2001	86	7	7=100
Mid-September, 2001	80	9	11=100
Early September, 2001	51	34	15=100
August, 2001	50	32	18=100
July, 2001	51	32	17=100
June, 2001	50	33	17=100
May, 2001	53	32	15=100
April, 2001	56	27	17=100
March, 2001	55	25	20=100
February, 2001	53	21	26=100

Q.2 Now I will read a list of some stories covered by news organizations this past month. As I read each item, tell me if you happened to follow this news story very closely, fairly closely, not too closely, or not at all closely. **[INSERT ITEM; ROTATE ITEMS A/B & C FIRST, FOLLOWED BY ROTATED ITEMS D THROUGH G]**

	<u>Very Closely</u>	<u>Fairly Closely</u>	<u>Not too Closely</u>	<u>Not at all Closely</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>
<b>ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=769]:</b>					
a.F1	Terrorism attacks on the United States				
	66	25	6	2	1=100
	Early November, 2001				
	63	26	6	3	2=100
	Mid-October, 2001				
	78	16	4	1	1=100
	Early October, 2001 <sup>1</sup>				
	73	22	4	1	*=100
	Mid-September, 2001				
	74	22	3	1	*=100
	June, 1995 <sup>2</sup>				
	58	32	8	2	*=100
<b>ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=731]:</b>					
b.F2	Reports of Anthrax cases around the country				
	41	41	12	5	1=100
	Early November, 2001				
	47	35	13	4	1=100
<b>ASK ALL:</b>					
c.	The U.S. military effort in Afghanistan				
	49	36	11	3	1=100
	Early November, 2001				
	45	36	12	6	1=100
	Mid-October, 2001				
	51	35	10	3	1=100
	January, 1991 <sup>3</sup>				
	67	28	4	1	0=100

1 In Early October 2001 and Mid-September 2001 the question was worded: "News about the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center in New York and the Pentagon in Washington?"

2 In June 1995 the question was worded: "the Oklahoma City bombing."

3 In January 1991 the question was worded: "How closely have you been following news about the War in the Gulf?"

		Very Closely	Fairly Closely	Not too Closely	Not at all Closely	DK/Ref
d.	The capture of Kabul by Afghan opponents of the Taliban	36	33	18	12	1=100
e.	Reports about the condition of the U.S. economy	41	36	15	7	1=100
	June, 2001	24	41	18	16	1=100
	May, 2001	34	36	15	15	0=100
	April, 2001	36	34	16	13	1=100
	February, 2001	30	39	18	12	1=100
	January, 2001	32	38	17	11	2=100
	June, 1995	26	41	22	11	*=100
	March, 1995	27	45	19	9	*=100
	February, 1995	23	41	22	13	1=100
	December, 1994	28	43	20	9	*=100
	October, 1994	27	40	20	12	1=100
	June, 1994	25	42	23	10	*=100
	May, 1994	33	40	16	10	1=100
	January, 1994	34	39	16	10	1=100
	Early January, 1994	36	44	13	7	*=100
	December, 1993	35	41	15	8	1=100
	October, 1993	33	38	20	9	*=100
	September, 1993	37	40	14	8	1=100
	Early September, 1993	39	39	14	9	*=100
	August, 1993	41	36	14	9	*=100
	May, 1993	37	38	18	6	1=100
	February, 1993	49	36	10	5	*=100
	January, 1993	42	39	12	7	*=100
	September, 1992	43	37	13	6	*=100
	May, 1992	39	39	15	6	1=100
	March, 1992	47	38	11	4	*=100
	February, 1992	47	37	10	6	*=100
	January, 1992	44	40	11	5	*=100
	October, 1991	36	38	16	9	1=100
f.	The debate in Washington over whether airport security personnel should be federal employees or not	31	32	22	14	1=100
g.	The recent crash of an American Airlines plane near Kennedy Airport in New York	48	34	13	4	1=100

Q.3 How have you been getting most of your news about terrorist attacks and the war on terrorism? From television, from newspapers, from radio, from magazines, or from the Internet? **[ACCEPT TWO ANSWERS: IF ONLY ONE RESPONSE IS GIVEN, PROBE FOR ADDITIONAL RESPONSE]**  
**IF RESPONDENT ANSWERED '1' TELEVISION AS EITHER 1ST OR 2ND RESPONSE IN Q.3:**

Q.3a Do you get most of your news about terrorist attacks and the war on terrorism from network TV news, from local TV news, or from cable news networks such as CNN, MSNBC, and the Fox News Channel? **[ACCEPT TWO ANSWERS BUT DO NOT PROBE]**

		Mid-Sept 2001 <sup>4</sup>	Early Sept 2001	Feb 2001	Oct 1999	Jan 1999	Jan 1996	Sept 1995	Jan 1994	Sept 1993	Jan 1993
85	Television	90	74	76	80	82	88	82	83	83	83
17	Network TV news	30	20	20	22	--	--	--	--	--	39
18	Local TV news	17	26	25	31	--	--	--	--	--	30
53	Cable news <sup>5</sup>	45	34	35	35	--	--	--	--	--	38
2	Other	2	1	1	2	--	--	--	--	--	2
1	Don't know	2	*	1	*	--	--	--	--	--	1
34	Newspapers	11	45	40	48	42	61	63	51	60	52
19	Radio	14	18	16	19	18	25	20	15	17	17
2	Magazines	*	6	4	5	4	8	10	10	9	5
13	Internet <sup>6</sup>	5	13	10	11	6	--	--	--	--	--
1	Other (VOL)	1	1	2	2	2	2	1	5	3	1
*	Don't know/Refused	1	*	1	*	*	*	1	1	*	1

Q.4 Now I'd like to ask you about some other ways in which you might be getting news about terrorist attacks and the war on terrorism. For each item that I read, please tell me how often, if ever, you LEARN SOMETHING about terrorist attacks or the war on terrorism from this source. (First), how often, if ever, do you learn something about terrorist attacks or the war on terrorism from **[INSERT ITEM, ROTATE ITEMS a. THRU c. WITH ITEM d. ALWAYS LAST]** – regularly, sometimes, hardly ever, or never? <sup>7</sup>

		Regularly	Sometimes	Hardly Ever	Never	DK/Refused
a.	Talk radio shows	19	25	20	36	*=100
	January, 2000	15	29	19	31	6=100
	April, 1996	12	25	24	39	*=100
b.	Late night TV shows such as David Letterman and Jay Leno	6	11	20	63	*=100
	January, 2000	9	19	18	45	9=100
	April, 1996	6	19	19	56	0=100
c.	Religious radio or TV shows, such as "Focus on the Family"	11	13	17	59	*=100
	January, 2000	7	12	14	59	8=100
	April, 1996	6	12	15	67	*=100
d.	The Internet	17	18	10	55	*=100
	January, 2000	9	15	9	57	10=100

<sup>4</sup> In Mid-September 2001 the question was worded "the terrorist attacks." From January 1993 to Early September 2001 the question was worded "national and international issues." In September 1995, question wording did not include "international."

<sup>5</sup> Beginning in October 1999, "cable news networks such as CNN and MSNBC" was substituted for "CNN."

<sup>6</sup> Beginning in February 2001, "Internet" was substituted for "computer online sources."

<sup>7</sup> In January 2000 and April 1996 the question was worded: "...getting news about the presidential campaign." And item "c" was "Religious radio shows, such as "Focus on the Family"."

Q.5 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>

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

On another topic...

**ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=769]:**

Q.6F1 Do you favor or oppose taking military action, including the use of ground troops, to retaliate against whoever is responsible for the terrorist attacks?

		Mid-Sept <u>2001</u>
85	Favor	82
8	Oppose	8
<u>7</u>	Don't Know/Refused	<u>10</u>
100		100

**ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=731]:**

Q.7F2 Do you favor or oppose taking military action, including the use of ground troops, to retaliate against whoever is responsible for the terrorist attacks, even if it means that U.S. armed forces might suffer thousands of casualties?

		Mid-Sept <u>2001</u>
77	Favor	77
14	Oppose	9
<u>9</u>	Don't Know/Refused	<u>14</u>
100		100

**ASK ALL:**

Q.8 I'd like to read you a couple of statements. Please tell me if you strongly agree, agree, disagree or strongly disagree with each.

		Strongly <u>Agree</u>	<u>Agree</u>	<u>Disagree</u>	Strongly <u>Disagree</u>	DK/ <u>Ref</u>
a.	I am now more generally interested in the news than I was before the terrorist attacks	26	40	28	5	1=100
	<b>GULF WAR:</b> March, 1991	15	34	42	7	2=100
b.	I find it hard to get interested in news stories that don't deal with terrorism in some way	4	14	60	20	2=100
	<b>GULF WAR:</b> March, 1991	3	20	60	14	3=100

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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."

Thinking more generally about the news media,

Q.9 Which of the following two statements about the news media do you agree with more...[READ]

		Early Sept 2001	Early Feb 1998	Jan 1998	Feb 1997	March 1995	July 1994
35	The news media helps society to solve its problems	31	29	31	36	33	25
	OR						
	The news media gets in the way of society solving						
51	its problems	58	65	63	54	57	71
<u>14</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>11</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>4</u>
100		100	100	100	100	100	100

**ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=769]:**

Q.10F1 Some people think that by criticizing leaders, news organizations keep political leaders from doing their job. Others think that such criticism is worth it because it keeps political leaders from doing things that should not be done. Which position is closer to your opinion?

		Early Sept 2001	Feb 1999	Early Feb 1998	Feb 1997	Late Jan 1994	Early Jan 1994	Aug 1989	Dec 1986	June 1985
32	Criticism by the press keeps political leaders from doing their job	25	31	39	32	24	18	23	26	17
54	Criticism keeps leaders from doing things that shouldn't be done	60	58	55	56	66	69	68	60	67
<u>14</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>15</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>16</u>
100		100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

**ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=731]:**

Q.11F2 Some people think that by criticizing the military, news organizations weaken the country's defenses. Others think that such criticism helps keep our nation militarily prepared. Which position is closer to your opinion?

		March 1991	Aug 1989	Dec 1986	July 1985
37	Weakens defenses	28	33	31	31
49	Keeps nation prepared	59	56	57	51
<u>14</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>13</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>18</u>
100		100	100	100	100

**ASK ALL:**

Q.12 In general, do you think news organizations get the facts straight, or do you think that their stories and reports are often inaccurate?

		Early Sept 2001	Feb 1999	Early Aug 1998	Early Feb 1998	Feb 1997	Jan 1992	Aug 1989	Aug 1988	May 1988	Jan 1988	July 1985
46	Get the facts straight	35	37	33	34	37	49	54	40	48	44	55
45	Stories often inaccurate	57	58	58	63	56	44	44	50	43	48	34
<u>9</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>8</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>11</u>
100		100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

Q.13 I'm going to read you some pairs of opposite phrases. After I read each pair, tell me which ONE phrase you feel better describes news organizations generally. If you think that NEITHER phrase applies, please say so. [ROTATE ITEMS NOTE FORM SPLIT]

			Early				
			Sept	Feb	Jan	July	July
			2001	1999	1987	1986	1985
<b>ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=769]:</b>							
aF1.	47	Care about the people they report on, OR	23	21	41	--	35
	38	Don't care about the people they report on?	64	67	45	--	48
	11	Neither applies	10	9	9	--	10
	4	Don't know/Refused	3	3	5	--	7
	100		100	100	100		100

bF1.	35	Willing to admit their mistakes, OR	24	26	--	--	34
	52	Try to cover up their mistakes?	67	66	--	--	55
	9	Neither applies	5	6	--	--	4
	4	Don't know/Refused	4	2	--	--	7
	100		100	100			100

cF1.	53	Moral, OR	40	40	--	--	54
	23	Immoral?	34	38	--	--	13
	17	Neither applies	20	16	--	--	20
	7	Don't know/Refused	6	6	--	--	13
	100		100	100			100

**NO ITEM d**

			Early					
			Sept	Feb	Aug	Jan	July	July
			2001	1999	1989	1987	1986	1985
eF1.	60	Protect democracy, OR	46	45	55	52	58	54
	19	Hurt democracy?	32	38	19	27	18	23
	14	Neither applies	15	13	20	13	17	13
	7	Don't know/Refused	7	4	6	8	7	10
	100		100	100	100	100	100	100

			Early				
			Sept	Feb	Jan	July	July
			2001	1999	1987	1986	1985
<b>ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=731]:</b>							
iF2.	78	Care about how good a job they do, OR	69	69	--	77	79
	14	Don't care about how good a job they do?	22	22	--	16	11
	6	Neither applies	7	6	--	5	4
	2	Don't know/Refused	2	3	--	2	6
	100		100	100		100	100

gF2.	73	Highly professional, OR	54	52	--	71	72
	12	Not professional?	27	32	--	13	11
	12	Neither applies	15	13	--	12	9
	3	Don't know/Refused	4	3	--	4	8
	100		100	100		100	100

hF2.	69	Stand up for America, OR	43	41	53	53	52
	17	Too critical of America?	36	42	35	28	30
	10	Neither applies	16	13	8	15	10
	4	Don't know/Refused	5	4	4	4	8
	100		100	100	100	100	100

iF2.	47	Politically biased in their reporting, OR	59	56	47	42	45
	35	Careful that their reporting is NOT politically biased?	26	31	39	41	36
	11	Neither applies	8	8	7	9	7
	7	Don't know/Refused	7	5	7	8	12
	100		100	100	100	100	100

On a different subject...

C.1 Some people say they are basically content with the federal government, others say they are frustrated, and others say they are angry. Which of these best describes how you feel?

		<u>June 2000</u>	<u>Feb 2000</u>	<u>Oct 1997</u>
53	Basically content	28	33	29
34	Frustrated	53	54	56
8	Angry	13	10	12
5	Don't know/Refused	6	3	3
<u>100</u>		<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>

C.2 Now I'm going to read you a few statements that will help us understand how you feel about a number of things. For each one, please tell me if you completely agree, mostly agree, mostly DISagree or completely disagree. The first one is... **[INSTERT ITEM, ROTATE]**

		<u>Completely Agree</u>	<u>Mostly Agree</u>	<u>Mostly Disagree</u>	<u>Completely Disagree</u>	<u>Don't Know</u>
a.	The federal government controls too much of our daily lives	20	33	35	10	2=100
	Late September, 1999	30	30	32	6	2=100
	November, 1997	29	35	29	6	1=100
	July, 1994	37	32	25	5	1=100
	May, 1993	26	39	30	4	1=100
	June, 1992	28	36	29	5	2=100
	Nov, 1991	32	31	28	7	2=100
	May, 1990	22	40	29	5	4=100
	Feb, 1989	22	35	34	9	3=100
	May, 1988	25	36	31	5	3=100
	May, 1987	18	40	32	5	5=100
b.	When something is run by the government, it is usually inefficient and wasteful	15	38	33	10	4=100
	Late September, 1999	23	36	31	7	3=100
	November, 1997	27	37	27	7	2=100
	July, 1994	33	36	25	5	1=100
	May, 1993	24	45	24	5	2=100
	June, 1992	29	41	24	4	2=100
	Nov, 1991	32	36	23	7	2=100
	May, 1990	22	45	25	4	4=100
	Feb, 1989	26	39	26	5	4=100
	May, 1988	24	42	26	3	5=100
	May, 1987	19	44	27	4	6=100
c.	Most elected officials are trustworthy	5	42	37	13	3=100
	February, 1999	2	41	41	14	2=100
	February, 1998	2	49	38	10	1=100
	October, 1997	3	41	40	15	1=100
d.	I'm generally bored by what goes on in Washington	9	30	40	18	3=100
	June, 2000	19	34	29	15	3=100
	September, 1999	19	39	28	12	2=100
	November, 1997	14	37	34	14	1=100
	July, 1994	17	34	33	15	1=100
	June, 1992	20	35	31	13	1=100
	Nov, 1991	16	36	30	16	2=100
	May, 1990	12	36	38	12	2=100
	February, 1989	10	37	37	13	3=100
	May, 1988	11	37	38	12	2=100
	May, 1987	8	34	41	13	4=100

C.2 CONTINUED ...

		Completely	Mostly	Mostly	Completely	Don't
		Agree	Agree	Disagree	Disagree	Know
e.	I'm pretty interested in following local politics	15	44	26	13	2=100
	June, 2000	24	42	21	11	2=100
	September, 1999	18	48	26	6	2=100
	November, 1997	20	48	25	6	1=100
	July, 1994	24	52	18	5	1=100
	June, 1992	26	47	21	5	1=100
	Nov, 1991	29	48	16	5	2=100
	May, 1990	17	53	23	6	1=100
	February, 1989	24	49	21	5	1=100
	May, 1988	21	51	22	5	1=100
	May, 1987	16	54	22	4	4=100

C.3 Generally speaking, would you say that most people can be trusted or that you can't be too careful in dealing with people?

		Nov 1998	June 1997	Feb 1997
42	Most people can be trusted	36	42	45
55	Can't be too careful	57	54	52
2	Other/Depends (VOL)	6	3	2
<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
100		100	100	100

Q.14 Next I would like to ask you about some things that have been in the news. Not everyone will have heard about them...[ROTATE Q.14a THRU Q.14d]

a. Can you tell me the name of the current vice president of the United States?

		-- GORE --	
		July 1994	Feb 1994
67	Correct, Richard Cheney/Dick Cheney/Cheney ( <i>correct answer</i> )	65	70
<u>33</u>	Incorrect, any other person/Don't know/Refused	<u>35</u>	<u>30</u>
100		100	100

b. As far as you know, are there governments of largely Muslim nations that are cooperating with the U.S. in its war against terrorism, or are they all either neutral or siding with the Taliban?

63	There are Muslim nations that are cooperating ( <i>correct answer</i> )
23	They are all either neutral or siding with the Taliban
<u>14</u>	Don't know/Refused
100	

c. Which, if any, of the following nations DO NOT have nuclear weapons? [ROTATE] Pakistan, Russia [OR] Turkey?

58	Turkey ONLY ( <i>correct answer</i> )
25	Incorrect, any other combination, including "none", or "all"
<u>17</u>	Don't know/Refused
100	

d. Which kind of anthrax is MORE difficult to treat, the kind that is inhaled into the lungs, or the kind that appears on the skin?

90	The kind that is inhaled into the lungs ( <i>correct answer</i> )
4	The kind that appears on the skin
<u>6</u>	Don't know/Refused
100	



On a different topic...

**ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=769]:**

Q.15F1 How much confidence do you have that the military is giving the public an accurate picture of how the war is going in Afghanistan? **[READ]**

		<b>-- GULF WAR --</b>	
		<u>March 1991</u>	<u>Jan 1991</u>
28	A great deal of confidence	44	29
52	A fair amount of confidence	46	58
13	Not too much confidence	7	9
4	No confidence at all	2	2
<u>3</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>
100		100	100

**ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=731]:**

Q.16F2 How much confidence do you have that the government is giving the public an accurate picture of how efforts to deal with terrorism in the U.S. are going? **[READ]**

19	A great deal of confidence
61	A fair amount of confidence
15	Not too much confidence
3	No confidence at all
<u>2</u>	Don't know/Refused
100	

**ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=769]:**

Q.17F1 To the best of your knowledge are news reports from Afghanistan being censored by the American military?

**IF YES IN Q.17 ASK:**

Q.18F1 Do you think such restrictions on news reports are a good idea or bad idea?

		<b>-- GULF WAR --</b>	
		<u>Jan 1991</u>	
59	Yes, censored	76	
47	Good idea	60	
9	Bad idea	12	
3	Don't know/Refused	4	
23	No	14	
<u>18</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>10</u>	
100		100	

**ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=731]:**

Q.19F2 To the best of your knowledge are news reports about Anthrax and other terrorist threats here in the United States being censored by the government?

**IF YES IN Q.19 ASK:**

Q.20F2 Do you think such restrictions on news reports are a good idea or bad idea?

46	Yes, censored
28	Good
14	Bad idea
4	Don't know/Refused
41	No
<u>13</u>	Don't know/Refused
100	

**ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=769]:**

Q.21F1 Has the news coverage of the war in Afghanistan been accurate for the most part, or have too many mistakes been made?

**IF '2' TOO MANY MISTAKES IN Q.21, ASK**

Q.22F1 Do you think these mistakes are the result of poor reporting on the part of journalists, or are these mistakes the result of the government giving out misleading information?

		<b>-- GULF WAR --</b>
		<u>Jan 1991</u>
65	Accurate	<u>61</u>
17	Too many mistakes made	18
	4 Poor reporting on the part of journalists	n/a
	9 Government giving out misleading information	n/a
	1 Both (VOL)	n/a
	1 Neither (VOL)	n/a
	2 Don't know/Refused	n/a
<u>18</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>21</u>
100		100

**ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=731]:**

Q.23F2 Has the news coverage about Anthrax and other terrorist threats here in the United States been accurate for the most part, or have too many mistakes been made?

**IF '2' TOO MANY MISTAKES IN Q.23, ASK:**

Q.24F2 Do you think these mistakes are the result of poor reporting on the part of journalists, or are these mistakes the result of the government giving out misleading information?

58	Accurate
30	Too many mistakes made
	8 Poor reporting on the part of journalists
	16 Government giving out misleading information
	3 Both (VOL)
	1 Neither (VOL)
	2 Don't know/Refused
<u>12</u>	Don't know/Refused
100	

**ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=769]:**

Q.25F1 Do you think the military is hiding bad news about military operations in Afghanistan from the public or do you think it is telling the public as much as it can under the circumstances?

		<b>-- GULF WAR --</b>
		<u>Jan 1991</u>
16	Hiding bad news	19
82	Telling as much as it can	78
<u>2</u>	No opinion/Don't know/Refused	<u>3</u>
100		100

**ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=731]:**

Q.26F2 Do you think the U.S. government is hiding bad news about Anthrax and other terrorist threats here in the United States from the public or do you think it is telling the public as much as it can under the circumstances?

21	Hiding bad news
76	Telling as much as it can
<u>3</u>	No opinion/Don't know/Refused
100	

**ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=769]:**

Q.27F1 In trying to keep the public informed, are news organizations giving Osama bin Laden too much opportunity to promote his cause or are news organizations being careful not to give Osama bin Laden too much opportunity to promote his cause?

		<b>-- Saddam Hussein --</b>		<b>“Terrorists”</b>
		<u>March 1991</u>	<u>Jan 1991</u>	<u>Aug 1986</u>
47	Too much opportunity	39	44	56
43	Being careful	50	44	34
10	No opinion/Don't know/Refused	11	12	10
100		100	100	100

**ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=731]:**

Q.27F2 In your view, has there been too much, too little, or the right amount of discussion of ways to stop terrorists OTHER THAN using military force?

		<u>Early Oct 2001</u>
16	Too much	11
36	Too little	35
40	Right amount	48
8	Don't know/Refused	6
100		100

**ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=769]:**

Q.28F1 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?

		<u>Mid-Oct 2001</u>	<b>GULF WAR</b> <u>Jan 1991</u>	<u>Oct 1986<sup>9</sup></u>
50	Give military more control	59	57	29
40	News organizations should decide	28	34	64
10	Don't know/Refused	13	9	7
100		100	100	100

**ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=731]:**

Q.29F2 Which is more important to you: that the government be able to censor news stories it feels threaten national security OR that the news media be able to report stories they feel are in the national interest?

		<u>March 1991</u>	<u>Aug 1989</u>	<u>June 1985</u>	<u>Oct 1985</u>
53	Government able to censor	58	40	44	38
39	News media able to report	32	52	38	50
4	Both equal (VOL)	5	5	9	6
4	Don't know/Refused	5	3	9	6
100		100	100	100	100

<sup>9</sup>

In October 1986 the question was worded "Some people feel that the government should have more control over how news organizations report on terrorist incidents. Other feel that most decisions on how to report the story should be made by the news organizations themselves. Which comes closer to your opinion?"

**ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=769]:**

Q.30F1 In your opinion, which is better – that news coverage of a war be pro-American or that news coverage of a war be neutral?

		<u>March 1991</u>
30	Pro-American	22
64	Neutral	71
<u>6</u>	No opinion/Don't know/Refused	<u>7</u>
100		100

**ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=731]:**

Q.31F2 In your opinion, which is better – that news coverage of a war be pro-American or that news coverage of a war show all points of view, including those of countries not friendly to the United States?

20	Pro-American
73	Show all points of view
<u>7</u>	No opinion/Don't know/Refused
100	

**NO Q.32 OR Q.33**

**ASK ALL:**

Q.34 When covering events in the war on terrorism, should journalists be digging hard to get all the information they can for their reports, or should they trust government and military officials if they refuse to officially release some information?

52	Digging hard
40	Trust officials
3	Both equal ( <b>VOL</b> )
<u>5</u>	Don't know/Refused
100	

Q.35 When the government withholds information about the war on terrorism, is it mostly to protect American troops and the American public, or is it mostly to hide bad news to maintain support for the government's actions?

70	Protect troops and public safety
20	Maintain political support for actions
5	Both equal ( <b>VOL</b> )
<u>5</u>	Don't know/Refused
100	

**NO Q.36 OR Q.37**

On a different subject...

Q.38 Are you the parent or guardian of any children under 18 now living in your household?

36	Yes
64	No
*	Don't know/Refused
<u>100</u>	

Q.39 As a result of the terrorist attacks are you **[INSERT ITEM; ROTATE WITH ITEM d FIRST, IF APPLICABLE; REPEAT QUESTION STEM FOR EACH ITEM]**?

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>
a. praying more or not	44	55	1=100
Early October, 2001 <sup>10</sup>	57	42	1=100
Mid-September, 2001	69	30	1=100
January, 1991	65	35	0=100
b. attending religious services more or not	16	83	1=100
c. making more of an effort to see family THIS holiday season or not	37	61	2=100
<b>IF Parent ('1' YES IN Q.38) ASK [N=519]:</b>			
d. making more of an effort to spend time with your children or not	54	45	1=100

**ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=769]:**

Q.40F1 At the present time, do you think religion as a whole is increasing its influence on American life or losing its influence?

	<u>Increasing Influence</u>	<u>Losing Influence</u>	<u>(VOL) Same</u>	<u>No Opinion</u>
Mid-November, 2001	78	12	3	7=100
March, 2001	37	55	4	4=100
March, 2000 ( <i>Gallup</i> )	37	58	0	5=100
June, 1998 ( <i>Gallup</i> )	37	56	4	3=100
March, 1994 ( <i>Gallup</i> )	27	69	2	2=100
March, 1988 ( <i>Gallup</i> )	36	49	6	9=100
June, 1984 ( <i>Gallup</i> )	42	39	14	6=100
December, 1978 ( <i>Gallup</i> )	37	48	10	5=100
December, 1974 ( <i>Gallup</i> )	31	56	8	5=100
April, 1968 ( <i>Gallup</i> )	19	67	8	7=100
February, 1965 ( <i>Gallup</i> )	33	45	13	8=100
February, 1962 ( <i>Gallup</i> )	45	32	17	7=100
March, 1957 ( <i>Gallup</i> )	69	14	10	6=100

**ASK ALL:**

Q.41 Aside from weddings and funerals how often do you attend religious services... more than once a week, once a week, once or twice a month, a few times a year, seldom, or never?

	<u>March 2001</u>	<u>Sept 2000<sup>11</sup></u>	<u>June 1997</u>	<u>June 1996</u>
16 More than once a week	17	17	12	14
26 Once a week	26	28	26	25
14 Once or twice a month	17	16	17	17
17 A few times a year	17	17	20	21
16 Seldom	15	13	15	13
10 Never	7	8	10	9
<u>1</u> Don't know/Refused	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>*</u>	<u>1</u>
100	100	100	100	100

<sup>10</sup> January 1991 thru Early October 2001 the item was "are you praying more."

<sup>11</sup> September 2000 results are based on registered voters.

Q.42 Did you yourself happen to attend church, synagogue or any other place of worship in the last seven days?

		March <u>2001</u>	June <u>1996</u>	
44	Yes		46	42
56	No	53	58	
*	Don't know/Refused	<u>1</u>	*	
<u>100</u>		<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>	

Q.43 How important would you say religion is in your own life — very important, fairly important, or not very important?

	<u>Very Important</u>	<u>Fairly Important</u>	<u>Not very Important</u>	<u>Don't Know/ Refused</u>
Mid-November, 2001	61	24	14	1=100
March, 2001	64	23	12	1=100
March, 2000 ( <i>Gallup</i> )	61	27	12	*=100
June, 1998 ( <i>Gallup</i> )	62	25	12	1=100
June, 1996	59	26	15	*=100
March, 1994 ( <i>Gallup</i> )	59	29	11	1=100
March, 1988 ( <i>Gallup</i> )	54	31	14	1=100
March, 1984 ( <i>Gallup</i> )	56	30	13	1=100
April, 1978 ( <i>Gallup</i> )	52	32	14	2=100
November, 1965 ( <i>Gallup</i> )	70	22	7	1=100

Q.44 Now I'd like your views on some groups and organizations. As I read from a list, please tell me which category best describes your overall opinion of the group I name. (First,) would you say your overall opinion of... [INSERT ITEM; ROTATE ITEMS IN BLOCKS (FIRST a. THRU c., THEN d. THRU g. WITH ITEM h ALWAYS LAST)] is very favorable, mostly favorable, mostly UNfavorable, or very unfavorable? [INTERVIEWERS: PROBE TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN "NEVER HEARD OF" AND "CAN'T RATE."]

		<u>Very Favor- able</u>	<u>Mostly Favor- able</u>	<u>Mostly Unfavor- able</u>	<u>Very Unfavor- able</u>	<u>Never Heard Of</u>	<u>Can't Rate</u>
a.	The federal government in Washington	17	65	12	3	0	3=100
	Late October, 2000 ( <i>RVs</i> )	7	47	30	10	*	6=100
	October, 1997	4	34	41	18	0	3=100
b.	Your state government	15	62	14	4	*	5=100
	October, 1997	10	56	22	7	*	5=100
c.	Your local government	15	63	13	4	*	5=100
	October, 1997	12	56	18	7	*	7=100

Now thinking about some specific religious groups... Is your overall opinion of [INSERT ITEM] very favorable, mostly favorable, mostly UNfavorable, or very unfavorable?

		<u>Very Favor- able</u>	<u>Mostly Favor- able</u>	<u>Mostly Unfavor- able</u>	<u>Very Unfavor- able</u>	<u>Never Heard Of</u>	<u>Can't Rate</u>
d.	Catholics	29	49	5	3	*	14=100
	March, 2001	19	55	10	3	1	12=100
	September, 2000 ( <i>RVs</i> )	29	49	6	3	*	13=100
e.	Muslim Americans	15	44	12	5	1	23=100
	March, 2001	7	38	16	8	4	27=100
	September, 2000 ( <i>RVs</i> )	11	39	13	8	2	27=100
f.	Protestants	28	49	3	2	1	17=100

**Q.44 CONTINUED ...**

		Very Favorable	Mostly Favorable	Mostly Unfavorable	Very Unfavorable	Never Heard Of	Can't Rate
g.	Jews	24	51	5	2	*	18=100
	March, 2001	16	56	8	2	*	18=100
	September, 2000 (RVs)	27	50	5	3	*	15=100
	June, 1997	26	56	7	2	1	8=100
h.	Atheists, that is, people who don't believe in God	7	25	21	28	*	19=100
	March, 2001	4	25	22	35	*	14=100
	September, 2000 (RVs)	8	24	20	32	*	16=100

Q.45 What is your religious preference — Protestant, Roman Catholic, Jewish, Mormon, or an orthodox church such as the Greek or Russian Orthodox Church?

51	Protestant (Baptist, Christian, Episcopal, Jehovah's Witness, Lutheran, Methodist, Presbyterian, etc.)
27	Roman Catholic
2	Jewish — <b>GO TO Q.47</b>
2	Mormon (include Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints)
1	Orthodox Church (Greek or Russian)
*	Islam/Muslim — <b>GO TO Q.48</b>
8	Other religion [SPECIFY]
6	No religion, atheist — <b>GO TO Q.47</b>
3	Don't know/Refused
100	

**DO NOT ASK IF JEWISH, MUSLIM, NO RELIGION (Q.45=3, 6, OR 8) [N=1,364]:**

Q.46 Would you describe yourself as a "born again" or evangelical Christian, or not?

40	Yes, would
54	No, would not
5	Don't know/Refused
100	

**DO NOT ASK IF ISLAM/MUSLIM IN (Q.45=6) [N=1497]:**

Q.47 Do you, yourself happen to know anyone who is Muslim?

38	Yes
61	No
1	Don't know/Refused
100	

**ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=731]:**

Q.48F2 How much would you say you know about the Muslim religion and its practices?

6	A great deal
32	Some
37	Not very much
24	Nothing at all
1	Don't know/Refused
100	

**ASK ONLY IF R HAS A RELIGION OTHER THAN ISLAM (1-5 OR 7 IN Q.45) [N=1,352]:**

Q.49 From what you know, do you think that the Muslim religion and your own religion have a lot in common, or do you think that the Muslim religion and your religion are very different?

31 A lot in common  
52 Very different  
17 Don't know/Refused  
100

On a different topic...

**ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=769]:**

Q.50F1 Which comes closer to your view? [READ]

12 War is never morally justified [or]  
83 War is sometimes morally justified  
5 Don't know/Refused  
100

**ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=731]:**

Q.51F2 Which comes closer to your view? [READ]

24 War is never morally justified [or]  
64 War is often morally justified  
12 Don't know/Refused  
100

**ASK ALL:**

Q.52 What do you worry about more when the United States uses military force [READ]

25 That the U.S. doesn't do enough to avoid civilian casualties [or]  
56 That the U.S. doesn't go far enough to achieve military victory  
19 Don't know/Refused  
100

Q.53 In your view, why did the terrorists attack the World Trade Center and the Pentagon ...[READ AND ROTATE]

30 Was it mostly because of their religious beliefs  
-- OR --  
49 Was it mostly because of their political beliefs  
10 Both equally (VOL)  
5 Other (VOL)  
6 Don't know/Refused  
100

Q.54 Some religious leaders have said that the terrorist attacks on the United States signal that God is no longer protecting the United States as much as in the past. How do you feel about this statement, do you completely agree, mostly agree, mostly disagree, or completely disagree with it?

2 Completely agree  
6 Mostly agree  
16 Mostly disagree  
73 Completely disagree  
3 Don't know/Refused  
100



Now, just a few questions for statistical purposes only.

Q.55 Do you use a computer at your workplace, at school, at home or anywhere else on at least an occasional basis?

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Don't Know</u>
Mid-November, 2001	73	27	0=100
Mid-September, 2001	72	28	*=100
June, 2001	72	28	*=100
May, 2001	75	25	*=100
April, 2001	72	28	*=100
February, 2001	72	28	0=100
January, 2001	71	29	*=100
July, 2000	68	31	1=100
June, 2000	68	31	1=100
April, 2000	68	32	*=100
March, 2000 <sup>12</sup>	72	28	0=100
February, 2000	67	33	*=100
January, 2000	68	32	*=100
December, 1999	67	33	*=100
October, 1999	67	33	*=100
Late September, 1999	68	32	*=100
September, 1999	70	30	*=100
August, 1999	67	33	*=100
July, 1999	68	32	*=100
June, 1999	64	35	1=100
May, 1999	66	33	1=100
April, 1999	71	29	*=100
March, 1999	68	32	*=100
February, 1999	68	32	*=100
January, 1999	69	31	*=100
Early December, 1998	64	36	*=100
Early September, 1998	64	36	*=100
Late August, 1998	66	34	0=100
Early August, 1998	66	34	*=100
April, 1998	61	39	*=100
January, 1998	65	35	*=100
November, 1997	66	34	*=100
June, 1997	60	40	0=100
Early September, 1996	56	44	*=100
July, 1996	56	44	*=100
April, 1996	58	42	*=100
March, 1996	61	39	*=100
February, 1996	60	40	0=100
January, 1996	59	41	0=100

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In March 2000, "or anywhere else" was added to the question wording.

**IF "1, YES" (USE A COMPUTER) IN Q.55, ASK:**

Q.56 Do you ever go online to access the Internet or World Wide Web or to send and receive email?

**BASED ON TOTAL RESPONDENTS:**

	<u>Goes Online</u>	<u>Doesn't Go Online</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>
Mid-November, 2001	62	38	0=100
Mid-September, 2001	62	38	*=100
June, 2001	62	38	0=100
May, 2001	64	36	0=100
April, 2001	62	38	0=100
February, 2001	60	40	*=100
January, 2001	61	39	0=100
July, 2000	55	45	*=100
June, 2000	56	44	*=100
April, 2000	54	46	*=100
March, 2000	61	39	0=100
February, 2000	52	48	0=100
January, 2000	52	48	*=100
December, 1999	53	47	0=100
October, 1999	50	50	0=100
Late September, 1999	52	48	*=100
September, 1999	53	47	0=100
August, 1999	52	48	0=100
July, 1999	49	51	0=100
June, 1999	50	50	*=100
May, 1999	48	52	0=100
April, 1999	51	49	*=100
March, 1999	49	51	*=100
February, 1999	49	51	*=100
January, 1999	47	53	*=100
Early December, 1998	42	58	0=100
November, 1998	37	63	*=100
Early September, 1998	42	58	*=100
Late August, 1998	43	57	*=100
Early August, 1998	41	59	*=100
April, 1998	36	64	0=100
January, 1998	37	63	0=100
November, 1997	36	63	1=100
July, 1996	23	77	0=100
April, 1996	21	79	*=100
March, 1996	22	78	0=100
February, 1996	21	79	*=100
January, 1996	21	79	0=100
June, 1995 <sup>13</sup>	14	86	*=100

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The 1995 figure combines responses from two separate questions:

(1) Do you or anyone in your household ever use a modem to connect to any computer bulletin boards, information services such as CompuServe or Prodigy, or other computers at other locations? (IF YES, PROBE: Is that you, someone else or both?)

(2) Do you, yourself, ever use a computer at (work) (school) (work or school) to connect with computer bulletin boards, information services such as America Online or Prodigy, or other computers over the Internet?