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#### **QUESTIONS 1-30 PREVIOUSLY RELEASED**

#### ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=731]:

Q.31F1 Compared with the past, would you say the U.S. is MORE respected by other countries these days, LESS respected by other countries, or AS respected as it has been in the past?

#### ASK IF LESS RESPECTED (2 IN Q.31F1):

Q.32F1 Do you think less respect for America is a major problem, a minor problem, or not a problem at all?

		Late			
		Oct	July	May I	Newsweek
		<u>2005</u>	2004	1987 <sup>1</sup>	Jan 1984
7	More respected	9	10	19	27
65	Less respected	66	67	55	36
48	Major problem	43	43		
14	Minor problem	18	19		
2	Not a problem	4	4		
1	Don't know/Refused	1	1		
23	As respected as in the past	21	20	23	29
<u>5</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>8</u>
100		100	100	100	100

#### ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=775]:

Q.33F2 Do you think each of the following is a major reason, a minor reason, or not much of a reason why people around the world are unhappy with the U.S.? First, [INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE. OBSERVE FORM SPLITS]. Is this a major reason, a minor reason, or not much of a reason why people around the world are unhappy with the U.S.? How about [ITEM]?

	Major	Minor	Not much	DK/
	reason	reason	of a reason	<u>ref</u>
a.F2 U.S. support for Israel	46	35	11	8=100
Late October, 2005	39	39	13	9=100
b.F2 The U.Sled war on terrorism	49	30	15	6=100
Late October, 2005	54	29	12	5=100
c.F2 America's wealth and power	58	26	11	5=100
Late October, 2005	60	25	11	4=100
NO ITEMS d. & e.				
f.F2 The Iraq war	68	20	8	4=100
Late October, 2005	71	17	7	5=100

In May 1987 the question was worded "Compared to five years ago, would you say the U.S. is more respected by other countries, less respected by other countries, or as respected as it was five years ago by other countries?" In January 1984, the Newsweek question was worded "Compared to four years ago..."

#### **NO QUESTIONS 34-35**

#### ASK ALL

On a different subject, I have a few questions about the September 11 terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon...

Q.36 Compared to the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor in 1941, would you say that the September 11<sup>th</sup> terrorist attacks were more serious, not as serious, or about equal?

		Late	
		Aug	NBC News
		<u>2002</u>	Sept 2001 <sup>2</sup>
35	More serious than Pearl Harbor	37	66
14	Not as serious as Pearl Harbor	14	5
47	Equal to Pearl Harbor	43	25
<u>4</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>6</u>	<u>4</u>
100		100	100

#### **ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=731]:**

Q.37F1 As a result of the attacks, has your own personal life changed in a major way, changed only a little bit, or is your life basically the same as it was before the attacks?

		Late
		Aug
		2002
22	Changed in a major way	16
36	Changed only a little bit	33
41	Basically the same	49
0	Other (VOL)	1
<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>1</u>
100		100

#### ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=775]:

Q.38F2 As a result of the attacks, has life in America changed in a major way, changed only a little bit, or is life in America basically the same as it was before the attacks?

		Late
		Aug
		2002
51	Changed in a major way	50
35	Changed only a little bit	35
13	Basically the same	14
*	Other (VOL)	*
<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>1</u>
100		100

The September 12, 2001 NBC News question was worded "Would you say that Tuesday's attacks (on the World Trade Center in New York and the Pentagon in Washington, DC) are more serious than, equal to, or not as serious as the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor in 1941?"

#### **ASK ALL:**

Q.39 Do you think that the September 11<sup>th</sup> terrorist attacks were the start of a major conflict between the people of America and Europe versus the people of Islam, or is it only a conflict with a small, radical group?

		Late	
		Aug	Mid-Oct
		$2002^{3}$	2001
40	Major conflict	35	28
49	Conflict with a radical group	52	63
<u>11</u>	Don't Know/Refused	<u>13</u>	9
100		100	$1\overline{00}$

#### **NO QUESTION 40**

Q.41 Do you happen to remember EXACTLY where you were or what you were doing the MOMENT you heard the news about the September 11<sup>th</sup> terrorist attacks?

		Late Aug
	Yes, remember where they were/	<u> 2002</u>
95	what they were doing	97
5	No, don't remember	3
*	Don't know/Refused	*
100		100

Q.42 Do you happen to recall in what year the September 11<sup>th</sup> terrorist attacks occurred? [**IF "YES" PROBE:** Which year?]

		Nov	
		1991 <sup>4</sup>	
7	Yes, 2000 or earlier	10	Yes, 1990
70	Yes, 2001 {correct}	76	Yes, 1991 {correct}
9	Yes, 2002 or later	*	Yes, earlier than 1990
<u>14</u>	No, Don't remember/Ref	<u>14</u>	Don't Know/No Answer
100		100	

#### ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=731]:

Q.43F1 Overall, do you think the ability of terrorists to launch another major attack on the U.S. is greater, the same, or less than it was at the time of the September 11<sup>th</sup> terrorist attacks?

		Jan	July	July	Late Aug
		<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2002</u>
25	Greater	17	28	24	22
37	The same	39	40	39	39
33	Less	39	29	34	34
<u>5</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>5</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>5</u>
100		100	100	100	100

In 2002 and 2001 the question was worded, "Do you think the terrorist attacks are the start of a major conflict between..."

In 1991 the question was asked, "Do you happen to know in what year the War in the Gulf ended?"

# Q.44F1 So far, there has not been another terrorist attack in America since 2001. Is this mostly because [**READ AND ROTATE**]

		Late Oct
		<u>2005</u>
39	The government is doing a good job protecting the country [OR]	33
13	America is a difficult target for terrorists [OR]	17
40	America has been lucky so far	45
<u>8</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>5</u>
100		100

#### ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=775]:

Q.45F2 In general, how well do you think the U.S. government is doing in reducing the threat of terrorism? **[READ]** 

							(RVs)				
							Early		Early	Oct	Oct
		Feb	Jan	July	July	Aug	Nov	June	Nov	15-21	10-14
		<u>2006</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2004</u>	2003	<u>2002</u>	2002	2001	2001	<u>2001</u>
22	Very well	16	16	17	18	19	15	16	35	38	48
52	Fairly well	52	50	53	53	56	54	60	46	46	40
16	Not too well, [OR]	20	20	19	17	16	19	16	9	9	6
8	Not at all well	10	9	8	8	7	8	4	5	4	2
<u>2</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>2</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>
100		100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

Q.46F2 What concerns you more about the government's anti-terrorism policies? [READ AND ROTATE]

				Late		
		Feb	Jan	Oct	July	July
		<u>2006</u>	2006	2005	<u>2005</u>	<u>2004</u>
	That they have gone too far in restricting the average					
26	person's civil liberties	33	33	34	31	29
	[OR]					
	That they have not gone far enough to adequately					
55	protect the country	50	46	48	52	49
11	Both/Neither/Approve of policies (VOL)	10	12	10	10	11
<u>8</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>7</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>11</u>
100		100	100	100	100	100

### NO QUESTIONS 47-49

#### **ASK ALL:**

Q.50 Since the terrorist attacks, have you yourself become more suspicious of people who you think are of Middle-Eastern descent, or not?

		Late		Late
		Aug	June	Sept
		<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2001</u>
35	Yes, more suspicious	37	36	28
63	No, not more suspicious	61	62	70
<u>2</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>2</u>	2	<u>2</u>
100		100	100	100

Q.51 How would you rate the job your LOCAL government is doing preparing for the possibility of a terrorist attack – would you say excellent, good, only fair, or poor?

		Late
		Aug
		<u>2002</u>
8	Excellent	9
34	Good	38
33	Only fair	30
15	Poor	10
<u>10</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>13</u>
100		100

Q.52 All in all, which do you think would have a greater effect in reducing the threat of terrorist attacks on the United States? [READ AND ROTATE]

Increasing America's military presence overseas [OR]  Decreasing America's military presence overseas 29  Neither/Keep things as they are now (VOL) 8  Don't know/Refused 15			Aug
[OR] 45 Decreasing America's military presence overseas 29 10 Neither/Keep things as they are now (VOL) 8 13 Don't know/Refused 15			<u>2002</u>
Decreasing America's military presence overseas  Neither/Keep things as they are now (VOL)  Don't know/Refused  29  8  13	32	£ 1	48
10 Neither/Keep things as they are now (VOL) 8 13 Don't know/Refused 15		[OR]	
13 Don't know/Refused 15	45	Decreasing America's military presence overseas	29
	10	Neither/Keep things as they are now (VOL)	8
100	<u>13</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>15</u>
	100		100

Q.53 How worried are you that there will soon be another terrorist attack in the United States? [READ]

	Very	Somewhat	Not too	Not at all	DK/
	worried	worried	worried	worried	<u>Ref</u>
August, 2006	23	44	21	10	2 = 100
July, 2005	26	42	19	12	1=100
Mid-October, 2004	17	43	27	12	1=100
August, 2004	20	44	25	10	1=100
July, 2004	17	41	26	15	1=100
June, 2004	25	42	20	12	1=100
Mid-March, 2004	20	42	25	12	1=100
Early February, 2004	13	42	28	16	1=100
Mid-January, 2004	20	45	24	10	1=100
August, 2003	13	45	29	12	1=100
March, 2003	22	42	20	14	2 = 100
February, 2003	34	41	17	7	1=100
January, 2003	18	50	23	8	1=100
December, 2002	31	42	18	8	1=100
Early October, 2002	20	46	22	11	1=100
Late August, 2002	16	46	25	12	1=100
June, 2002	32	44	17	7	* =100
January, 2002	20	42	28	9	1=100
December, 2001	13	39	27	19	2 = 100
October 15-21, 2001	29	42	18	10	1=100
October 10-14, 2001	27	40	19	12	2 = 100
Early October, 2001	28	45	15	11	1=100

Q.54 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]?

					(VOL)	
	Very	Somewhat	Not too	Not at all	Already	
	Worried	Worried	Worried	Worried	a Victim	DK/Ref
August, 2006	16	28	35	20	*	1=100
February, 2004	10	27	37	26	*	*=100
March 28-April 1, 2003	14	34	31	20	0	1=100
March 25-27, 2003	12	30	33	23	1	1=100
March 23-24, 2003	8	25	37	28	*	2=100
March 20-22, 2003	9	27	37	26	*	1=100
February, 2003	22	29	30	18	0	1=100
January, 2003	11	30	37	21	*	1=100
Late August, 2002	12	28	35	24	*	1=100
June, 2002	17	28	36	19	*	*=100
January, 2002	12	26	38	24	*	*=100
Early November, 2001	13	27	35	24	0	1=100
Mid-October, 2001	18	32	29	19	0	2 = 100
Late September, 2001	17	36	31	15	*	1=100
<i>Gallup:</i> 9/14-15/01 <sup>5</sup>	18	33	35	13	*	1=100
<i>Gallup:</i> 9/11/01 <sup>6</sup>	23	35	24	16	1	1=100
Gallup: August, 1998	10	22	38	29		1=100
Gallup: July, 1996	13	26	34	27		*=100
<i>Gallup</i> : April, 1995 <sup>7</sup>	14	28	33	24		1=100

Q.55 As I read from a list tell me how important each of the following is a way to reduce terrorism in the future. (First), [INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE; OBSERVE FORM SPLITS] is this very important, fairly important, not too important, or not at all important as a way to reduce terrorism in the future? (Next... [NEXT ITEM])

		Very	Fairly	Not too	Not at all	
ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=731]:		<b>Important</b>	<b>Important</b>	<b>Important</b>	<b>Important</b>	DK/Ref
a.F1	Decrease American dependence on oil					
	imported from the Middle East	67	18	5	5	5=100
	Late August, 2002	53	26	8	5	8=100
	January, 2002	53	29	9	4	5=100
b.F1	Encourage more democracy in Mideast					
	countries like Egypt and Saudi Arabia	38	29	16	10	7=100
	Late August, 2002	38	31	13	11	7=100
	January, 2002	42	35	11	5	7=100

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

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

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?"

## Q.55 CONTINUED ...

		Very	Fairly	Not too	Not at all	
		<b>Important</b>	<b>Important</b>	<b>Important</b>	<b>Important</b>	DK/Ref
c.F1	Take military action to wipe out facilities of					
	countries attempting to build nuclear weapons	43	30	12	9	6=100
	Late August, 2002	58	21	9	6	6=100
	January, 2002	54	27	9	5	5=100
ASK FO	ORM 2 ONLY [N=775]:					
d.F2	Increase defense spending to maintain					
	our military preparedness	52	31	10	6	1=100
	Late August, 2002	53	33	7	3	4=100
	January, 2002	54	33	7	3	3=100
e.F2	Attempt to reduce poverty with foreign aid as					
	a way of combating terrorism in poor Mideast					
	countries	30	33	19	12	6=100
	Late August, 2002	25	34	19	16	6=100
	January, 2002	24	41	21	10	4=100
f.F2	Not get involved in trying to solve the					
	problems of other countries	41	31	13	10	5=100
	Late August, 2002	32	32	17	12	7=100

# NO QUESTIONS 56-61 QUESTIONS 62-74 PREVIOUSLY RELEASED

PARTY In politics TODAY, do you consider yourself a Republican, Democrat, or Independent?

		(VOL)	(VOL)	
		No	Other	DK/
Republican Dem	nocrat Independe	ent Preference	<u>Party</u>	Ref
August, 2006 30 3	30	4	*	3=100
July, 2006 29 3	31	4	1	2 = 100
June, 2006 29 3	31	4	*	2 = 100
April, 2006 29 3	33	3	*	3=100
March, 2006 28 3	30	4	*	4=100
February, 2006 30 3	31	3	*	3=100
January, 2006 28 3	32	5	*	3=100
December, 2005 29 3	31	4	*	2 = 100
Late November, 2005 27 3	34 29	5	1	4=100
Early November, 2005 28 3	31	5	*	2 = 100
Late October, 2005 29	31	5	*	2 = 100
Early October, 2005 26 3	34	4	*	2 = 100
September 8-11, 2005 31 3	33	3	*	1=100
September 6-7, 2005 27 3	33	4	*	3=100
July, 2005 31 3	34 29	4	*	2 = 100
June, 2005 30 3	32	4	*	2 = 100
Yearly Totals				
2005 30 3	31	4	*	2 = 100
2004 30 3	30	4	*	3=100
2003 30 3	31	5	*	3=100
2002 30 3	30	5	1	3=100
2001 29 3	34 29	5	*	3=100

### PARTY CONTINUED...

CONTINUED						
				(VOL)	(VOL)	
				No	Other	DK/
	Republican	<b>Democrat</b>	Independent	<u>Preference</u>	<b>Party</b>	Ref
2001 Post-Sept 11	31	32	28	5	1	3=100
2001 Pre-Sept 11	28	35	30	5	*	2=100
2000	28	33	29	6	*	4=100
1999	27	33	34	4	*	2 = 100
1998	28	33	32	5	*	2 = 100
1997	28	33	32	4	1	2 = 100
				No Preference	/	
	Republican	<b>Democrat</b>	Independent	Other/DK		
1996	29	33	33	5=100		
1995	32	30	34	4=100		
1994	30	32	34	4=100		
1993	27	34	34	5=100		
1992	28	33	35	4=100		
1991	31	32	33	4=100		
1990	31	33	30	6=100		
1989	33	33	34=100			
1987	26	35	39=100			

**IF ANSWERED 3, 4, 5 OR 9 IN PARTY, ASK:**PARTYLN As of today do you lean more to the Republican Party or more to the Democratic Party?

			Refused
	Republican	<u>Democrat</u>	to lean
August, 2006	12	14	11=37%
July, 2006	11	14	13=38%
June, 2006	10	16	11=37%
April, 2006	12	17	10=39%
March, 2006	11	14	13=38%
February, 2006	11	16	10=37%
January, 2006	10	16	14=40%
December, 2005	10	16	11=37%
Late November, 2005	9	13	17=39%
Early November, 2005	11	14	13=38%
Late October, 2005	11	15	12=38%
Early October, 2005	11	18	11=40%
September 8-11, 2005	10	18	9=37%
September 6-7, 2005	10	15	15=40%
July, 2005	9	15	11=35%
June, 2005	10	16	12=38%
Mid-May, 2005	9	13	14=36%
Late March, 2005	13	17	9=39%
December, 2004	14	12	9=35%
August, 2003	12	16	14=42%
August, 2002	12	13	13=38%
September, 2000	11	13	15=39%
Late September, 1999	14	15	16=45%
August, 1999	15	15	12=42%