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**PUBLIC REACTION TO WAR ON TERRORISM STUDY**  
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**NOTE: all results shown are percentages unless otherwise labeled.**

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1a. Do you think that there will be further attempts by terrorist groups to conduct terrorist attacks on U.S. sites?

Yes .....	92
No .....	5
Not sure .....	2

1b. Looking ahead, do you think that the U.S. government is capable of successfully blocking all attempts at terrorist attacks on U.S. sites?

**(Q.1c ASKED ONLY IF RESPONDENT SAYS "NO, U.S. NOT CAPABLE OF BLOCKING ALL TERRORIST ATTACKS" IN Q.1b. RESULTS SHOWN IN SUMMARY BELOW.)**

1c. Do you think that only a few terrorist attacks will succeed or that many terrorist attacks will succeed?

<b>Yes, U.S. Capable Of Blocking All Terrorist Attacks .....</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>No, U.S. Not Capable Of Blocking All Terrorist Attacks (Net) .....</b>	<b>71</b>
Only a few terrorist acts will succeed .....	59
Many terrorist attacks will succeed .....	11
Don't know how many terrorist attacks will succeed .....	2
<b>Don't Know If U.S. Is Capable Of Blocking All Terrorist Attacks .....</b>	<b>2</b>

1d. On a day-to-day basis, do you fear that you personally are in physical danger from a future terrorist attack?

Yes .....	15
No .....	84
Not sure .....	1

2. Do you think a goal of U.S. military action should be to arrest and convict Osama bin Laden and others in his terrorist organization or should the goal be to kill Osama bin Laden and other leaders in his terrorist organization?

Arrest and convict bin Laden and others .....	42
Kill bin Laden and others .....	49
Other .....	5
Not sure .....	4

**(ASKED OF HALF THE SAMPLE.)**

- 3a. Do you think that the U.S. should target other terrorist groups outside the Osama bin Laden group in its war against terrorism?

Yes, U.S. should target other groups .....	88
No, U.S. should not target other groups....	9
Not sure .....	3

**(ASKED OF HALF THE SAMPLE.)**

- 3b. Do you think that the U.S. should target terrorist groups in other countries in the Middle East or elsewhere in the world?

Yes, U.S. should target other groups .....	82
No, U.S. should not target other groups....	15
Not sure .....	3

**(ASKED OF HALF THE SAMPLE.)**

- 3c. Do you think the goal of U.S. military action should be to eliminate the Osama bin Laden terrorist group only, or should the goal be to also remove from power the Taliban regime that controls most of Afghanistan?

Eliminate bin Laden group only.....	15
Remove Taliban regime from power also .....	75
Other.....	7
Not sure .....	3

**(ASKED OF HALF THE SAMPLE.)**

- 3d. Do you think that the U.S. should try to remove Sadaam Hussein from power in Iraq?

Yes .....	74
No .....	19
Not sure .....	8

4. Which of the following two statements comes closer to your own opinion?

The war on terrorism is something the U.S. should conduct according to its own plan and goals, regardless of what other countries think.....	21
The war on terrorism should be a cooperative effort involving many countries that agree on goals and war plans.....	77
Not sure.....	2

5. For each of the following statements, please tell me whether you completely believe the statement, completely doubt the statement, or cannot say one way or the other.

*THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY COMPLETELY BELIEVE*

	<u>Completely Believe</u>	<u>Completely Doubt</u>	<u>Cannot Say One Way Or The Other</u>	<u>Not Sure</u>
U.S. led military actions against Afghanistan are a legitimate defense of such values as freedom, peace, and democracy ** .....	71	7	21	1
The people of Afghanistan will be much better off if the U.S. succeeds in removing the Taliban from power and another group takes power there * .....	59	6	34	1
The anthrax contamination in Florida, New York, and Washington, DC are part of a continuing terrorist attack against the United States ** .....	53	15	32	-
The people of Afghanistan and other Muslim countries have legitimate complaints about the role of the U.S. in the region ** .....	32	32	33	2
U.S. media reports are only giving one side of the issues and not really reporting the Muslim side of the issue * .....	23	34	41	1

\* Form A—asked of half the sample.

\*\* Form B—asked of half the sample.

- 5a. Do you think that the current war on terrorism will lead to the end of terrorism in the world?

Yes .....	12
No .....	85
Not sure .....	3

**(Q.5b ASKED ONLY IF RESPONDENT SAYS “NO, CURRENT WAR ON TERRORISM WILL NOT LEAD TO THE END OF TERRORISM IN THE WORLD” IN Q.5a.)**

- 5b. Looking ahead five years from now, do you think there will be more terrorists incidents around the world, less terrorist incidents, or the same amount of terrorist incidents?

More terrorist incidents .....	19
Less terrorist incidents .....	42
About the same amount of terrorist incidents .....	34
Not sure .....	4

6. More than 30 people who work in Congress were exposed to anthrax this week. The House decided to close its offices in order to determine whether any more anthrax was present. The Senate decided to stay in session while those additional tests were being done. In your opinion, who showed better judgement, the House or the Senate?

Congress .....	42
Senate .....	42
Both used good judgement .....	6
Neither used good judgement .....	2
Not sure .....	7

<b>DEMOGRAPHICS</b>
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A1. First of all, in what year were you born?

A2. Have you already had a birthday this year?

**(IF RESPONDENT REFUSES Q.A1 OR Q.A2, Q.A3 ASKED. RESULTS SHOWN IN SUMMARY BELOW.)**

A3. Are you:

18-24 .....	15
25-34 .....	17
35-44 .....	19
45-54 .....	21
55-64 .....	13
65 and over.....	14
Refused .....	1

B. Are you employed:

Full time .....	55
Part time .....	10
Not employed.....	14
Retired .....	20
Refused .....	1

C. What is the last year of school you completed?

Grade school or some high school .....	7
Completed high school.....	26
Some community college or university, but did not finish.....	23
Completed technical school or a community college.....	14
Completed an university or Bachelor's degree.....	17
Completed a post-graduate degree such as a Master's or Ph.D. ....	13
Refused.....	-

D. Are you currently married?

Yes .....	53
No .....	47
Refused .....	-

E1. Including yourself and any children, how many people are currently living in your household?

1 .....	23
2 .....	32
3 .....	19
4 .....	15
5 .....	7
6 or more.....	5
Refused/not sure.....	1

(IF "ONE" OR "REFUSED" TO Q.E1, Q.F ASKED.)

- E2. How many children under 6 years are currently living in your household?
- E3. How many children ages 6 to 12 are currently living in your household?
- E4. How many children ages 13 to 17 are currently living in your household?

<b>ANY CHILDREN – NET .....</b>	<b>35</b>
Under 6 .....	17
6-12.....	17
13-17 .....	13
<b>NO CHILDREN .....</b>	<b>64</b>
<b>Refused/not sure.....</b>	<b>1</b>

- F. Now, I am going to read a list of income ranges. When I get to the income range that best describes your household income from all sources in 2000, please stop me. Was your household income for 2000:

Under \$15,000 .....	11
\$15,000 to less than \$20,000.....	10
\$20,000 to less than \$25,000.....	9
\$25,000 to less than \$30,000.....	7
\$30,000 to less than \$40,000.....	11
\$40,000 to less than \$50,000.....	9
\$50,000 to less than \$75,000.....	15
\$75,000 to less than \$100,000.....	12
\$100,000 or more.....	8
Refused/not sure.....	8

- G1. Are you:

White.....	81
Black .....	8
Asian.....	2
Other.....	7
Refused.....	2

- G2. Are you of Hispanic ethnicity?

Yes.....	8
No .....	91
Refused.....	1

Z12a. Do you consider yourself a Democrat, a Republican, an Independent or none of these?

**(IF "DEMOCRAT" TO Q.12a, Q.12b ASKED. IF "REPUBLICAN" TO Q.12a, Q.12c ASKED. IF "INDEPENDENT" or "NONE OF THESE" TO Q.12a, Q.12d ASKED. RESULTS SHOWN IN SUMMARY BELOW)**

Z12b. Do you lean strongly or only moderately toward the Democratic Party?

Z12c. Do you lean strongly or only moderately toward the Republican Party?

Z12d. Do your beliefs tend to lean more toward the Democrats or the Republicans?

Strongly Republican .....	16
Moderately Republican .....	26
Definitely Independent/neither .....	13
Moderately Democrat.....	29
Strongly Democrat .....	16
Refused/not sure.....	1

**REGION:**

Northeast .....	20
Midwest.....	23
South .....	35
West .....	22

**GENDER:**

Male .....	48
Female .....	52