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Ipsos Public Affairs: ABM TREATY

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Nearly twice as many Americans agree with President Bush's decision to withdraw from the ABM treaty than disagree. One-in-three Americans (33%) strongly agree with President Bush's decision. "These results show that President Bush continues to receive support from the American public for his foreign policy initiatives," reports Thomas Riehle, President of Ipsos Public Affairs in the U.S. "President Bush," Riehle adds, "however, does not receive the bipartisan support on this issue that he has on other foreign policy matters. Although 4-in-5 Republicans (79%) agree with President Bush on this issue, only half of all Independents (48%) and 2-in-5 Democrats (41%) say they agree with the President on his decision to withdraw from the ABM treaty."



President Bush has decided to give Russia notice that the United States will withdraw from the 1972 nuclear ABM treaty that bans testing of missile defense systems, U.S. government officials said Tuesday. Would you say you agree or disagree with this decision? **(IF RESPONDENT IS NOT FAMILIAR WITH THE “ABM TREATY”, CLARIFY:) ABM stands for Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty.**

Strongly agree	33%
Only somewhat agree	25
Only somewhat disagree	16
Strongly disagree	15
Not sure.....	11
Total Agree	58
Total Disagree.....	31

American Opinion on Withdrawal from ABM Treaty						
		POLITICAL AFFILIATION			GENDER	
	<u>All</u> %	<u>Republicans</u> %	<u>Democrats</u> %	<u>Independents</u> %	<u>Men</u> %	<u>Women</u> %
Agree	58	79	41	48	65	52
Disagree	31	16	46	36	29	33
Not sure	11	6	13	16	7	15



Ipsos Public Affairs: ISRAEL/PALESTINIAN SITUATION

51% OF AMERICANS SAY U.S. SHOULD SUPPORT ISRAEL IN ITS MILITARY EFFORTS TO DEFEAT TERRORISM IN MIDDLE EAST

A majority of Americans (51%) say that the U.S. should support Israel in its military efforts to defeat terrorism, whereas nearly 2-in-5 Americans (38%) say that the U.S. should not take sides, in order to negotiate peace between Israel and the Palestinians. “Overall, Americans narrowly favor the U.S. taking sides with Israel over remaining neutral so it can serve as peace broker,” reports Thomas Riehle, President of Ipsos Public Affairs in the U.S.

Republicans feel that Israel is clearly in a crisis situation that requires a forceful response, and by a 2-to-1 margin say the U.S. should support Israel’s military efforts to defeat terrorism (61%) rather than remain neutral (32%). Among Democrats, however, the issue is less clear cut; 47% say that the U.S. should support Israel’s military efforts, whereas 45% say the U.S. should remain independent of the two sides. Those who identify themselves as an Independent are also split, with 38% saying the U.S. should support Israel’s military efforts, 41% saying that the U.S. should remain neutral and 21% saying the U.S position should be either neither of the two options or they don’t know. There are racial differences as well. Of those who identify themselves as white, 53% say they support the U.S. siding with Israel, whereas 37% say they support the U.S. not taking sides. Those who identify themselves as non-white, however, are more likely to say that the U.S. should remain neutral (50%) than the U.S. should support Israel’s military efforts (43%).

In the past two weeks, Palestinian extremists have launched terrorist attacks in Israel, and the government of Israel has responded with military attacks against the terrorists. What should the U.S. response be ... **(READ LIST. ENTER SINGLE RESPONSE. IF UNSURE, ENCOURAGE BEST GUESS.)**

American Opinion on U.S. Response in Middle East						
		POLITICAL AFFILIATION			RACE	
	All %	Republicans %	Democrats %	Independents %	White %	Other %
The U.S. should support Israel in its military efforts to defeat terrorism in the Middle East	51	61	47	38	53	43
The U.S. should not take sides, in order to be able to negotiate peace between Israel and the Palestinians.....	38	32	45	41	37	50
Neither/Not sure	10	8	8	21	10	7



Ipsos Public Affairs: WAR ON TERRORISM

72% OF AMERICANS THINK THERE WILL BE FURTHER TERRORIST ATTACKS ON U.S. SITES; ONLY 6% OF AMERICANS SAY THAT MANY TERRORIST ACTS WILL SUCCEED

“With the success of America’s war against Al Qaeda and the Taliban in Afghanistan, Americans are markedly less concerned than they were just two months ago when it comes to the threat of new terrorist attacks on U.S. sites,” reports Thomas Riehle, President of Ipsos Public Affairs in the U.S. “Whereas almost all Americans (92%) expected further terrorist attempts two months ago, today less than three-in-four (72%) Americans expect further attempts. That’s still a strong majority, but not the consensus of fear that was felt shortly after the attacks of 9/11. Furthermore, only 6% of Americans expect many terrorist acts to succeed, down from 10% of Americans two months ago,” says Riehle. “A strong majority of Americans are still worried about further terrorist attempts, but the everyday anxiety has begun to fade for many Americans.”

Do you think that there will be further attempts by terrorist groups to conduct terrorist attacks on U.S. sites? Among those who answer “YES”: Looking ahead, do you think that the U.S government is capable of successfully blocking all attempts at terrorist attacks on U.S. sites? (If “NO” Ask:) Do you think that only a few terrorist attacks will succeed or that many terrorist attacks will succeed?

	12/14- 16/01 %	10/19- 21/01 %
There will be no further terrorist attempts	21	5
Don’t know if there will be further attempts	7	2
There will be further attempts and....	72	92
.....U.S. will successfully block all of them	15	25
.....Only a few terrorist acts will succeed	46	55
.....Many terrorist attacks will succeed	6	10
.....Don’t know	4	3



74% OF AMERICANS THINK THAT THE U.S. SHOULD TRY TO REMOVE SADDAM HUSSEIN FROM POWER IN IRAQ

As the war in Afghanistan comes to an apparent end, President Bush may turn his attention to removing Saddam Hussein from power in Iraq. Support for this action has not eroded during the war in Afghanistan, as 3-in-4 Americans (74%) continue to say that the U.S. should try to remove Hussein from power. These results are consistent across the board. Men (75%) and women (74%) agree that the U.S. should try to remove Saddam from power. Similarly, both Republicans (80%) and Democrats (73%) feel the U.S. should turn its attention to getting Hussein out of Iraq. “If President Bush is looking for an issue that will continue to unite American support, he may need to look no further than to his father’s former nemesis, and it’s clear that the American public wants him to finish the job that his father started” says Thomas Riehle, President of Ipsos Public Affairs in the U.S.

Do you think that the U.S. should try to remove Saddam Hussein from power in Iraq?

	12/14-16/01 %	10/19-21/01 %
Yes	74	74
No	18	19
Not sure	8	8

American Opinion on Removing Saddam Hussein From Power in Iraq						
		POLITICAL AFFILIATION			GENDER	
	<u>All</u> %	<u>Republicans</u> %	<u>Democrats</u> %	<u>Independents</u> %	<u>Men</u> %	<u>Women</u> %
Yes, should try to remove	74	80	73	60	75	74
No, should not try to remove...	18	14	20	28	19	18
Not sure	8	6	6	13	7	9



62% OF AMERICANS THINK AMERICAN TALIBAN JOHN WALKER SHOULD BE TRIED IN U.S. RATHER THAN IN AFGHANISTAN

By more than a two-to-one margin, Americans believe that John Walker, the American captured in Afghanistan fighting for the Taliban, should be tried in the U.S (62%) rather than in Afghanistan (27%). “Americans clearly want John Walker to return to the U.S. to face his peers and to explain his actions,” reports Thomas Riehle, President of Ipsos Public Affairs in the U.S. Women (68%) are more likely than men (56%), and Democrats (68%) are more likely than Republicans (61%) to say that Walker should be tried in the U.S.

Now I'd like to ask you about John Walker, the American citizen captured in Afghanistan as part of the Taliban forces. Do you think that John Walker should be tried in the United States for any crimes he may have committed as a Taliban fighter or do you think he should be tried in Afghanistan, under the new Afghani leadership, with all the other captured Taliban fighters?

American Opinion on Fate of American Taliban John Walker						
		POLITICAL AFFILIATION			GENDER	
	<u>All</u> %	<u>Republicans</u> %	<u>Democrats</u> %	<u>Independents</u> %	<u>Men</u> %	<u>Women</u> %
Should be tried in U.S.	62	61	68	52	56	68
Should be tried in Afghanistan	27	31	22	34	33	22
Should not be tried/Not sure	10	8	10	14	10	10