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NOTE: all results shown are percentages unless otherwise labeled.

NUCLEAR TREATY BAN

1. 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. (IF RESPONDENT SAYS "AGREE" OR "DISAGREE", ASK:) Do you (agree/disagree) strongly or only somewhat?

Agree strongly	33
Agree only somewhat	25
Disagree only somewhat	16
Disagree strongly	15
Not sure	11
Total Agree	58
Total Disagree	31

ISRAEL/PALESTINIAN SITUATION

2. 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?

The U.S. should support Israel in its military efforts	
to defeat terrorism in the Middle East	51
The U.S. should not take sides in support of Israel,	
in order to negotiate peace between Israel and the	
Palestinians	38
Neither (DO NOT READ)	5
Not sure	5

WAR ON TERRORISM

3. 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?

Should be tried in the United States	62
Should be tried in Afghanistan	27
Should not be tried at all (DO NOT READ)	1
Not sure	9

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4. John Walker has told U.S. officials that the second phase of al Qaeda's war on the United States would occur at the end of the Muslim holy month of Ramadan, which ends on Sunday. Do you think that there will be further attempts by terrorist groups to conduct terrorist attacks on U.S. sites?

(Q.5 ASKED ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY THERE WILL BE FURTHER ATTEMPTS TO CONDUCT ATTACKS IN Q.4. RESULTS SHOWN IN SUMMARY BELOW.)

5. 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-	10/19-
	<u>16/01</u>	21/01
There Will Be No Further Terrorist Attempts	21	5
Don't Know If There Will Be Further Attempts	7	2
Yes, There Will Be Further Attempts (net)	72	92
U.S. will successfully block all attempts	15	25
Only a few terrorist attacks will succeed	46	55
Many terrorist attacks will succeed	6	10
Don't know how many terrorist		
attacks will succeed	4	3

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

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	<u>16/01</u>	21/01
Yes	74	74
No	18	19
Not sure	8	8