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48 Male  
52 Female  
**[109]**

***Please note: all results are shown as percentages unless otherwise stated.***

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S1. First, did you get a chance to vote in last November's presidential election, or were you not able to vote in that election? **(IF "YES," ASK:)** Did you vote for George W. Bush or John Kerry?

**(IF "REFUSED," READ:)** I understand the confidentiality of your vote and the privacy of the voting booth, but I want to assure you that this poll is being completed for research purposes only and that all responses given will remain strictly confidential. To help me do the best research possible, would you please reconsider and tell me which candidate you voted for?

Voted for Bush .....	51	
Voted for Kerry .....	48	<b>CONTINUE</b>
Voted for Nader/other candidate (VOL) .....	1	
No, did not vote .....	-	<b>TERMINATE</b>
Not sure .....	-	

(SPLIT SAMPLE)

S2a. When you hear the phrase "protecting America from terrorism," what are the main things that come to mind?

**(WAIT FOR INITIAL RESPONSE, THEN PROBE:)** What do you think the main priorities of our country's leaders should be when it comes to protecting America from terrorism? What are the most important things you think elected officials should be doing to protect America from terrorism? **[154-160] \***

Close/secure borders, protect borders	20%
Be careful about who enters this country/pay attention to immigration	13
Preventing another 9/11	9
Airport security, protecting airlines, passengers	8
Protect us, take care of us, protection of our country	8
Keeping terrorists out	8
Don't know; no response	6%

\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

(SPLIT SAMPLE)

S2b. When you hear the phrase "protecting our homeland security," what are the main things that come to mind?

**(WAIT FOR INITIAL RESPONSE, THEN PROBE:)** What do you think the main priorities of our country's leaders should be when it comes to protecting our homeland security? What are the most important things you think elected officials should be doing to protect America's homeland security? [161-167] \*\*

Securing our borders, closing our borders, making our borders safe	27%
Protecting our nation from terrorist attacks, preventing another 9/11	18
Protecting the people of this country	12
Illegal aliens, immigration	10
Protecting, securing airports	8
Keeping terrorists out of this country	7
Don't know; no response	4%

\*\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

S3. How likely do you think it is that terrorists will attempt another major attack here in the United States sometime in the foreseeable future--very likely, somewhat likely, somewhat unlikely, or very unlikely?

Very likely .....	48
Somewhat likely.....	38
Somewhat unlikely.....	8
Very unlikely .....	4
Not sure .....	2

S4. I am going to read you two statements about combating terrorism and ask which one comes closer to your own point of view.

**STATEMENT A:** There is no adequate or affordable way to prepare for all the possible ways that terrorists might strike us here in the United States. Instead of spending billions on homeland security measures that may or may not be effective, we should focus our efforts on capturing and killing terrorists BEFORE they strike us--both by attacking their bases and training camps overseas, and using strong law enforcement to identify and arrest potential terrorists in the United States.

**STATEMENT B:** It is simply too risky to put all the focus of protecting America on the hope that we can capture or kill terrorists before they try to strike us. We ALSO must invest in smart, tough measures such as strengthening our border and port security, installing detection devices that can find bombs hidden in cargo, stopping the spread of nuclear weapons, and increasing security at nuclear plants, chemical plants, and facilities where hazardous biological agents are stored.

Which of those statements comes closer to your own point of view? **(IF RESPONDENT MAKES A CHOICE, ASK:)** Do you feel strongly about that, or not?

<b>Statement A</b>	
Feel strongly .....	19
Do not feel strongly.....	7
<b>Statement B</b>	
Do not feel strongly.....	19
Feel strongly .....	49
Not sure .....	6

(SPLIT SAMPLE)

S5a. I am going to read you some steps that might be taken on the issue of homeland security. For each one I mention, please tell me whether this is something you would strongly favor, somewhat favor, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose. \*

	<u>Strongly Favor</u>	<u>Somewhat Favor</u>	<u>Somewhat Oppose</u>	<u>Strongly Oppose</u>	<u>Not Sure</u>
Establish strong security standards at facilities where hazardous biological materials such as anthrax are stored, with federal oversight to make sure that these standards are being met .....	71	24	3	1	1
Increase funding to ensure adequate preparation and availability of the fire departments, police departments, and public health centers that we would rely on to be the first responders in the case of a terrorist attack.....	67	24	5	3	1
Require chemical companies and refineries to identify potential vulnerabilities and increase security standards, to safeguard the hazardous materials that might be the target of terrorists.....	62	29	6	2	1
Provide full funding for the addition of ten thousand new border patrol agents that are needed to adequately guard and protect our borders.....	60	28	5	3	4
Increase measures to safeguard nuclear power plants and shipments of nuclear fuel within the United States, even though this would cost several hundred million dollars.....	48	34	9	6	3
Install x-ray devices and other sensors that can detect hidden bombs and nuclear devices in cargo that is shipped to the United States, at a cost of thirty billion dollars over several years .....	43	37	9	6	5
Renew the Patriot Act, which gives law enforcement authorities more powers to identify and detain potential terrorists .....	42	23	12	17	6
Spend eleven billion dollars to install the anti-missile devices in U.S. aircraft that commercial airlines in Britain and Israel use to protect against missiles shot by shoulder-held rocket launchers, which are widely available on the black market .....	34	29	18	13	6
Fully fund efforts to find and secure the nuclear weapons and radioactive waste materials that are now poorly protected in the republics of the former Soviet Union, at a cost of three hundred million dollars per year.....	24	32	21	15	8
Continue efforts to develop a national missile defense program that would try to shoot down incoming ballistic missiles fired at the United States from overseas, at a cost of ten billion dollars per year, in addition to the one hundred and forty-five billion already spent .....	21	34	18	22	5
Continue our level of involvement and spending in Iraq, which so far has cost between two hundred billion and three hundred billion dollars .....	21	25	18	34	2

\*\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A). Table ranked by % of respondents saying "strongly favor."

(SPLIT SAMPLE)

S5b. I am going to read you some steps that might be taken on the issue of homeland security. For each one I mention, please tell me whether you think it would be very effective, fairly effective, just somewhat effective, or not that effective in protecting America from terrorism. \*\*

	<u>Very Effective</u>	<u>Fairly Effective</u>	<u>Just Somewhat Effective</u>	<u>Not That Effective</u>	<u>Not Sure</u>
Establish strong security standards at facilities where hazardous biological materials such as anthrax are stored, with federal oversight to make sure that these standards are being met.....	65	17	14	3	1
Increase funding to ensure adequate preparation and availability of the fire departments, police departments, and public health centers that we would rely on to be the first responders in the case of a terrorist attack.....	61	17	15	6	1
Provide full funding for the addition of ten thousand new border patrol agents that are needed to adequately guard and protect our borders.....	58	15	17	8	2
Require chemical companies and refineries to identify potential vulnerabilities and increase security standards, to safeguard the hazardous materials that might be the target of terrorists .....	53	20	19	6	2
Increase measures to safeguard nuclear power plants and shipments of nuclear fuel within the United States, even though this would cost several hundred million dollars.....	47	22	20	8	3
Install x-ray devices and other sensors that can detect hidden bombs and nuclear devices in cargo that is shipped to the United States, at a cost of thirty billion dollars over several years.....	51	16	22	7	4
Renew the Patriot Act, which gives law enforcement authorities more powers to identify and detain potential terrorists.....	40	15	21	20	4
Spend eleven billion dollars to install the anti-missile devices in U.S. aircraft that commercial airlines in Britain and Israel use to protect against missiles shot by shoulder-held rocket launchers, which are widely available on the black market.....	34	20	20	21	5
Fully fund efforts to find and secure the nuclear weapons and radioactive waste materials that are now poorly protected in the republics of the former Soviet Union, at a cost of three hundred million dollars per year.....	26	14	30	24	6
Continue efforts to develop a national missile defense program that would try to shoot down incoming ballistic missiles fired at the United States from overseas, at a cost of ten billion dollars per year, in addition to the one hundred and forty-five billion already spent.....	27	12	23	33	5
Continue our level of involvement and spending in Iraq, which so far has cost between two hundred billion and three hundred billion dollars .....	17	16	22	42	3

\*\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B). Table ranked by % of respondents saying "very" or "fairly" effective.

S6a. As it turns out, the Bush administration and the Republicans in Congress have NOT supported or passed many of the measures we have just discussed for protecting America's homeland security. For example, the Bush administration, with the support of most Republicans in Congress, REDUCED funding to find and secure nuclear weapons and waste from the former Soviet Union, FAILED to provide funding for expanded border patrols, has NOT provided funding for x-ray equipment to detect bombs in cargo shipments, and has NOT strengthened security regulations on chemical plants and other facilities that might be the target of terrorists. It also has NOT provided adequate funding to help police, fire fighters, and other emergency responders prepare for a terrorist attack.

When you hear this information about the record of the Bush administration and the Republicans in Congress, does it make you feel much less favorable toward them, somewhat less favorable toward them, or no less favorable toward them?

Much less favorable .....	33	<b>[243]</b>
Somewhat less favorable.....	23	
No less favorable .....	41	
Not sure .....	3	

S6b. When you hear that the Bush administration and the Republicans in Congress have opposed many homeland security measures to protect Americans from terrorism, would you say that this is not that surprising to you and something you would have expected, surprising but something that is believable, or something that you just do not believe?

Not surprising/what would be expected .....	38
Surprising but believable .....	35
Just do not believe .....	22
Not sure .....	5

**FACTUALS: Now I am going to ask you a few questions for statistical purposes only.**

F1. How old are you? (IF "REFUSED," ASK:) Well, would you tell me which age group you belong to?

18-24 .....	7
25-29 .....	7
30-34 .....	9
35-39 .....	9
40-44 .....	9
45-49 .....	9
50-54 .....	11
55-59 .....	10
60-64 .....	8
65 -69 .....	6
70-74 .....	5
75 and over .....	8
Refused .....	2

F2. What is the last grade that you completed in school?

Not high school graduate .....	6
High school graduate .....	24
Some college, no degree .....	18
Vocational training, 2-year college .....	9
4-year college/bachelor's degree .....	26
Some postgraduate work, no degree .....	3
2-3 years' postgraduate work/master's degree .....	10
Doctoral/law degree .....	2
Not sure/refused.....	2

F3. Regardless of how you may be registered, how would you describe your overall point of view in terms of the political parties? Would you say that you are mostly Democratic, leaning Democratic, completely independent, leaning Republican, or mostly Republican?

Mostly Democratic.....	33
Leaning Democratic .....	12
Completely independent.....	17
Leaning Republican .....	11
Mostly Republican .....	25
Not sure.....	2

F4. Thinking about your general approach to issues, do you consider yourself to be liberal, moderate, or conservative?

Liberal .....	23
Moderate.....	37
Conservative.....	34
Not sure .....	6

F5a. Are you currently single and never married, unmarried and living with a partner, married, separated, widowed, or divorced?

Single and never married.....	18
Unmarried and living with partner .....	3
Married.....	58
Separated .....	1
Widowed .....	8
Divorced.....	10
Other (VOL) .....	-
Not sure/refused .....	2

F5b. Are you the parent or guardian of any children under age 18 who are living with you at home?

Yes, parent or guardian of children under 18 at home.....	33
No, not the parent or guardian of children under 18 at home.....	66
Not sure .....	1

F6a. What is your religion?

Protestant (includes Baptist, Lutheran, Methodist, Episcopal, Presbyterian, and other Christians) ....	53	<b>CONTINUE</b>
Catholic .....	23	
Jewish .....	3	<b>Skip to Q.F7</b>
Other .....	9	<b>CONTINUE</b>
None.....	9	<b>Skip to Q.F7</b>
Not sure/refused.....	3	<b>CONTINUE</b>

**(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY THEY ARE PROTESTANT, CATHOLIC, OTHER, OR NOT SURE IN Q.F6a.)**

F6b. Do you think of yourself as a born-again Christian, or don't you think of yourself that way?

Fundamentalist/born-again Christian .....	33
Neither fundamentalist nor born-again Christian .....	51
Not sure .....	4
Jewish/none (Q.F6a).....	12

F7. What is the best way to describe the area where you live--a city, a suburb, a small town, or a rural area?

City .....	27
Suburb .....	30
Small town .....	25
Rural area .....	17
Don't know/refused .....	1

F8a. Are you from a Hispanic or Spanish-speaking background?

Yes, Hispanic/Spanish-speaking .....	7
No, not Hispanic/Spanish-speaking.....	92
Refused .....	1

F8b. What is your race--white, black, Asian, or something else?

White .....	79
Black .....	9
Asian.....	1
Other.....	5
Hispanic (VOL) .....	4
Not sure/refused .....	2