

MAY 2006 U.S. GLOBAL ATTITUDES PROJECT SURVEY
FINAL TOPLINE
May 2 - 14, 2006
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Thinking about the U.S...

P.1 What do you think is the most important problem facing the country today? [**RECORD VERBATIM RESPONSE. PROBE FOR CLARITY – DO NOT PROBE FOR ADDITIONAL MENTIONS. IF MORE THAN ONE MENTION, RECORD ALL IN ORDER OF MENTION**]

| | March 2006 | Jan 2006 | Early Nov 2005 | Mid- May 2005 | Jan 2005 | July 2004 | Mid- Jan 2004 | Apr 2003 | Feb 2003 | Mar 2002 | May 2001 | Feb 2001 |
|---------------------------------------|---------------|-------------|----------------------|---------------------|-------------|--------------|---------------------|-------------|-------------|-----------------|-------------|-------------|
| 18 War/War in Iraq | 20 | 23 | 29 | 24 | 32 | 25 | 16 | 14 | 34 | 10 [▲] | -- | -- |
| Energy crisis/Rising gas/heating | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 14 prices | 5 | 5 | 4 | 6 | -- | 2 | -- | -- | 1 | 1 | 22 | 4 |
| 13 Dissatisfaction with govt/politics | 10 | 5 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 7 | 5 | 3 | 5 | 4 | 2 | 5 |
| 10 Immigration | 4 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 1 | -- | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| 7 Economy (general) | 7 | 11 | 11 | 15 | 12 | 14 | 20 | 28 | 21 | 8 | 7 | 7 |
| 5 Terrorism | 8 | 6 | 6 | 8 | 10 | 8 | 14 | 9 | 16 | 24 | 1 | * |
| 4 Morality/Ethics/Family values | 6 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 8 | 6 | 12 |
| 4 Health care/costs | 6 | 6 | 5 | 7 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 6 | 7 |
| 3 Unemployment/Lack of jobs | 6 | 7 | 4 | 7 | 7 | 8 | 13 | 10 | 6 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 3 U.S. foreign policy/Intl affairs | 1 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 2 | -- | -- | -- | 2 | 2 |
| 2 Education | 4 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 1 | 4 | 8 | 11 |
| Deficit/National debt/Balanced | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2 budget | 2 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 2 | -- | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Pay more attention to problems | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2 at home | -- | 2 | -- | -- | -- | -- | 1 | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| 1 Crime/Gangs/Justice system | 3 | 2 | -- | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 4 | 8 |
| 1 Race relations/Racism | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | 1 | 1 | -- | 1 | 2 | 2 |
| 1 Poverty/Hunger/Starvation | 3 | 7 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 3 |
| 1 Social Security | -- | 2 | 1 | 8 | 4 | 1 | -- | 1 | -- | -- | 3 | 1 |
| 1 Trade/Jobs moving overseas | 1 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| 1 Homelessness | -- | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | -- | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| 1 Middle East situation | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | 1 | -- | -- |
| Defense issues/Military spending/ | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 National & homeland security | 4 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 5 | 1 | 1 |
| Inflation/Difference between | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 wages/costs | 3 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| 1 Environment/pollution | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | 1 | * | * | 1 | 3 | 1 |
| 1 Taxes | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | -- | 1 | 3 | 3 |
| 1 Hurricanes/disaster relief | 1 | 2 | 2 | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| Too much foreign aid/ | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 spend money at home | -- | -- | 1 | 1 | 1 | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | 1 |
| 11 Other | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 0 None | 4 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | * | 2 |
| 5 Don't know/No answer | 6 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 5 | 6 | 4 | 9 | 4 | 8 | 8 | 7 |
| (NET) FOREIGN ISSUES/ | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 29 INTERNATIONAL | 34 | 37 | 42 | 36 | 49 | 41 | 37 | 29 | 54 | 39 | 3 | 5 |
| 27 (NET) ECONOMIC | 22 | 26 | 24 | 31 | 24 | 26 | 35 | 41 | 29 | 16 | 40 | 26 |

▲ War in Afghanistan in March 2002

P.2 Now I will read some stories covered by news organizations this past month. As I read each item, tell me if you happened to follow this news story very closely, fairly closely, not too closely, or not at all closely? [INSERT ITEM, RANDOMIZE]

| | Very closely | Fairly closely | Not too closely | Not at all closely | DK/ Ref |
|---|-----------------|-------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|------------|
| a. News about the current situation in Iraq | 42 | 35 | 15 | 7 | 1=100 |
| April, 2006 | 43 | 36 | 13 | 7 | 1=100 |
| March, 2006 | 43 | 38 | 12 | 6 | 1=100 |
| February, 2006 | 39 | 42 | 12 | 6 | 1=100 |
| January, 2006 | 40 | 40 | 12 | 7 | 1=100 |
| December, 2005 | 45 | 38 | 11 | 5 | 1=100 |
| Early November, 2005 | 41 | 40 | 13 | 6 | *=100 |
| Early October, 2005 | 43 | 36 | 15 | 6 | *=100 |
| Early September, 2005 | 32 | 40 | 20 | 7 | 1=100 |
| July, 2005 | 43 | 37 | 13 | 6 | 1=100 |
| June, 2005 | 41 | 39 | 12 | 7 | 1=100 |
| Mid-May, 2005 | 42 | 42 | 11 | 5 | *=100 |
| Mid-March, 2005 | 40 | 39 | 14 | 5 | 2=100 |
| February, 2005 | 38 | 45 | 13 | 4 | *=100 |
| January, 2005 | 48 | 37 | 11 | 4 | *=100 |
| December, 2004 | 34 | 44 | 15 | 6 | 1=100 |
| Mid-October, 2004 | 42 | 38 | 11 | 8 | 1=100 |
| Early September, 2004 | 47 | 37 | 9 | 6 | 1=100 |
| August, 2004 | 39 | 42 | 12 | 6 | 1=100 |
| July, 2004 | 43 | 40 | 11 | 6 | *=100 |
| June, 2004 | 39 | 42 | 12 | 6 | 1=100 |
| April, 2004 | 54 | 33 | 8 | 5 | *=100 |
| Mid-March, 2004 | 47 | 36 | 12 | 4 | 1=100 |
| Early February, 2004 | 47 | 38 | 10 | 4 | 1=100 |
| Mid-January, 2004 | 48 | 39 | 9 | 4 | *=100 |
| December, 2003 | 44 | 38 | 11 | 6 | 1=100 |
| November, 2003 | 52 | 33 | 9 | 5 | 1=100 |
| October, 2003 | 38 | 40 | 14 | 7 | 1=100 |
| September, 2003 | 50 | 33 | 10 | 6 | 1=100 |
| Mid-August, 2003 | 45 | 39 | 10 | 5 | 1=100 |
| Early July, 2003 | 37 | 41 | 13 | 8 | 1=100 |
| June, 2003 | 46 | 35 | 13 | 6 | *=100 |
| May, 2003 | 63 | 29 | 6 | 2 | *=100 |
| April 11-16, 2003 ¹ | 47 | 40 | 10 | 2 | 1=100 |
| April 2-7, 2003 | 54 | 34 | 9 | 2 | 1=100 |
| March 20-24, 2003 | 57 | 33 | 7 | 2 | 1=100 |
| March 13-16, 2003 ² | 62 | 27 | 6 | 4 | 1=100 |
| February, 2003 | 62 | 25 | 8 | 4 | 1=100 |
| January, 2003 | 55 | 29 | 10 | 4 | 2=100 |

¹ From March 20 to April 16, 2003 the story was listed as “News about the war in Iraq.”

² From October 2002 to March 13-16, 2003 the story was listed as “Debate over the possibility that the U.S. will take military action in Iraq.” In Early September 2002 the story was listed as “Debate over the possibility that the U.S. will invade Iraq.”

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| | | <u>Very closely</u> | <u>Fairly closely</u> | <u>Not too closely</u> | <u>Not at all closely</u> | <u>DK/ Ref</u> |
|----|--|-------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------|
| | December, 2002 | 51 | 32 | 10 | 6 | 1=100 |
| | Late October, 2002 | 53 | 33 | 8 | 5 | 1=100 |
| | Early October, 2002 | 60 | 28 | 6 | 5 | 1=100 |
| | Early September, 2002 | 48 | 29 | 15 | 6 | 2=100 |
| b. | The high price of gasoline these days | 69 | 21 | 6 | 3 | 1=100 |
| | December, 2005 | 61 | 27 | 7 | 4 | 1=100 |
| | Early November, 2005 | 61 | 27 | 9 | 2 | 1=100 |
| | Late October, 2005 | 67 | 23 | 7 | 3 | *=100 |
| | Early October, 2005 | 65 | 25 | 6 | 3 | 1=100 |
| | Early September, 2005 | 71 | 19 | 7 | 3 | *=100 |
| | Mid-May, 2005 | 58 | 27 | 9 | 5 | 1=100 |
| | Mid-March, 2005 | 50 | 32 | 13 | 5 | *=100 |
| | Mid-October, 2004 | 64 | 22 | 8 | 5 | 1=100 |
| | August, 2004 | 52 | 29 | 10 | 8 | 1=100 |
| | July, 2004 | 56 | 25 | 11 | 7 | 1=100 |
| | June, 2004 | 58 | 26 | 9 | 6 | 1=100 |
| | April, 2004 | 46 | 30 | 15 | 8 | 1=100 |
| | Early April, 2004 | 58 | 23 | 10 | 8 | 1=100 |
| | Mid-March, 2004 | 47 | 27 | 14 | 10 | 2=100 |
| | September, 2003 | 45 | 27 | 15 | 11 | 1=100 |
| | March, 2003 | 52 | 27 | 11 | 9 | 1=100 |
| | February, 2003 | 53 | 25 | 12 | 9 | 1=100 |
| | June, 2001 | 56 | 31 | 7 | 5 | 1=100 |
| | May, 2001 | 61 | 26 | 6 | 6 | 1=100 |
| | Early October, 2000 | 56 | 25 | 12 | 6 | 1=100 |
| | June, 2000 ³ | 61 | 25 | 9 | 5 | *=100 |
| | March, 2000 | 58 | 28 | 10 | 4 | *=100 |
| | October, 1990 | 62 | 26 | 8 | 4 | *=100 |
| | September, 1990 | 56 | 28 | 11 | 5 | *=100 |
| | August, 1990 | 57 | 27 | 10 | 5 | 1=100 |
| c. | The issue of immigration | 44 | 33 | 13 | 9 | 1=100 |
| | April, 2006 | 39 | 34 | 16 | 10 | 1=100 |
| d. | Ethnic violence in the Darfur region of Sudan | 16 | 22 | 27 | 33 | 2=100 |
| | July, 2004 ⁴ | 14 | 22 | 27 | 35 | 2=100 |
| e. | Duke University lacrosse team members being accused of sexual assault | 16 | 29 | 28 | 25 | 2=100 |

³ In August 1990 through June 2000 the story was listed as "Recent increases in the price of gasoline."

⁴ In 2004, the item was worded as "Ethnic violence in Sudan."

P.3 Who do you think is most to blame for rising gasoline prices? [**OPEN END, ACCEPT UP TO TWO RESPONSES. DO NOT PROBE FOR ADDITIONAL RESPONSES**]

| | | Mid- Sept <u>2005</u> |
|----|---|-----------------------------|
| 31 | Oil companies / Big oil / Domestic oil producers | 36 |
| 25 | The president / Bush / The administration | 28 |
| 10 | OPEC / Middle East countries / Saudi Arabia / Foreign oil producers | 18 |
| 5 | Consumers / The public / SUVs / Gas guzzlers / Inefficient autos and trucks | 8 |
| 4 | The government (general) | 3 |
| 3 | Congress | 4 |
| 3 | Supply & demand / The market / Inflation | 1 |
| 2 | The war in Iraq | 2 |
| 2 | China / India / Rising global demand | 2 |
| 1 | Stock market speculators / Futures traders | 1 |
| 1 | Greed | 1 |
| 1 | Environmentalists / Environmental restrictions | 1 |
| 1 | America | * |
| 1 | Hurricane Katrina / Storms / Weather ⁵ | 9 |
| 5 | Other | 5 |
| 14 | Don't know/Refused | 10 |

P.4 Would you favor or oppose allowing oil and gas drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge in Alaska?

| | | Jan <u>2006</u> | Mid- Sept 2005 ⁶ | Late <u>March 2005</u> | Mid- <u>March 2005</u> |
|-----------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| 46 | Favor | 44 | 50 | 46 | 42 |
| 44 | Oppose | 47 | 42 | 49 | 46 |
| <u>10</u> | Don't know/Refused | <u>9</u> | <u>8</u> | <u>5</u> | <u>12</u> |
| 100 | | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |

P.5 Which comes closer to your view? [**READ AND ROTATE**]

| | |
|----------|--|
| 75 | The president and Congress should take steps to deal with gas prices |
| 19 | There's not much the president and Congress can do about gas prices |
| 1 | Both (VOL. DO NOT READ) |
| 2 | Neither (VOL. DO NOT READ) |
| <u>3</u> | Don't know/Refused (VOL. DO NOT READ) |
| 100 | |

⁵ In 2005, the item was coded as specific mentions to "Katrina / the hurricane."

⁶ In Mid-September 2005 and earlier the question was worded "... drilling in the Alaskan Arctic National Wildlife Refuge."

P.6 Which should be a higher priority for the president and Congress now: **(READ AND ROTATE)**

| | | Mid- Sept <u>2005</u> | May <u>2001</u> |
|----------|---|-----------------------------|--------------------|
| 24 | Controlling rising gasoline prices and dealing with CURRENT energy shortages [OR] | 36 | 31 |
| 61 | Trying to find new energy supplies that will deal with our LONG TERM problems? | 52 | 56 |
| 12 | (DO NOT READ) Both are equally important | 9 | 10 |
| <u>3</u> | (DO NOT READ) Don't know/Refused | <u>3</u> | <u>3</u> |
| 100 | | 100 | 100 |

Q.34 Now I will read a list of some things that have happened in the world recently. For each one, please tell me if you've heard of it or not. The first is **(INSERT)** have you heard of it, or not?

a. The dispute about Iran's nuclear program

| | |
|----------|---------------------------|
| 83 | Yes – have heard of it |
| 17 | No – have not heard of it |
| <u>*</u> | Don't know/Refused |
| 100 | |

ASK IF HEARD ABOUT IRAN NUCLEAR CONTROVERSY (Q34a=1) [N=864]:

Q.41 Why do you think Iran wants to have a nuclear program: to develop nuclear weapons, or to develop nuclear energy?

| | |
|-----------|---------------------|
| 71 | Weapons |
| 9 | Energy |
| 10 | Both (VOL) |
| <u>10</u> | Don't know/Refused |
| 100 | |

ASK ALL:

P.7 Who should take the lead in dealing with Iran's nuclear program? **(READ AND ROTATE)**

| | | Feb <u>2006</u> |
|----------|--|--------------------|
| 21 | The United States | 17 |
| | OR | |
| 72 | The United Nations | 78 |
| 3 | (VOL. DO NOT READ) Other | 2 |
| <u>4</u> | (VOL. DO NOT READ) Don't know/Refused | <u>3</u> |
| 100 | | 100 |

P.8 Which is your greater concern when it comes to dealing with Iran's nuclear program... that we will take action TOO QUICKLY, or that we will wait TOO LONG?

| | | |
|-----------|---------------------------|--------------------|
| | | Feb <u>2006</u> |
| 34 | Take action too quickly | 34 |
| 53 | Wait too long | 53 |
| <u>13</u> | Don't know/Refused (VOL.) | <u>13</u> |
| 100 | | 100 |

TREND FOR COMPARISON:

Which is your greater concern... that we will take military action against the terrorists TOO QUICKLY, or that we will wait TOO LONG to take military action?

*Late Sept
2001*

| | |
|-----------|--------------------------------|
| 34 | <i>Take action too quickly</i> |
| 49 | <i>Wait too long</i> |
| <u>17</u> | <i>Don't know/Refused</i> |
| 100 | |

P.9 There has been some discussion about how to handle Iran's efforts to develop nuclear technology. As I mention some possible steps, tell whether you would favor or oppose each. First **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE]**... (Would you favor or oppose this?)

| | | Favor | Oppose | (VOL.) Wouldn't make much difference | DK/Ref |
|----|---|-------|--------|--|--------|
| a. | The U.S. bombing military targets in Iran | 30 | 61 | 1 | 8=100 |
| b. | The U.N. and other leading nations placing tough economic sanctions on Iran | 64 | 25 | 1 | 10=100 |
| c. | Giving Iran nuclear ENERGY technology if they agree to stop their own nuclear program | 46 | 46 | * | 8=100 |
| d. | Supporting opposition groups in Iran in an effort to overthrow the government there | 37 | 48 | 1 | 14=100 |

P.10 Do you agree or disagree that the U.S. and other Western powers have a moral obligation to use military force if necessary, to prevent one group of people from committing genocide against another?

| | | | |
|-----------|---------------------------|------------------|-------------------------------|
| | | <u>July 2005</u> | <u>March 2001⁷</u> |
| 77 | Agree | 69 | 74 |
| 13 | Disagree | 21 | 17 |
| <u>10</u> | Don't know/Refused (VOL.) | <u>10</u> | <u>9</u> |
| 100 | | 100 | 100 |

⁷ In 2001, the question read "Do you completely agree, mostly agree, mostly DISagree, or completely disagree that, in the future, the U.S. and other Western powers have a moral obligation to use military force if necessary, to prevent one group of people from committing genocide against another?"