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OCTOBER 2010 POLITICAL SURVEY  
FINAL TOPLINE  
October 13-18, 2010  
N=2251**

**THOUGHT THROUGH Q.47 PREVIOUSLY RELEASED**

**Q.48 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE**

**NO QUESTION 49**

**Q.50 THROUGH Q.53 PREVIOUSLY RELEASED**

**NO QUESTIONS 54-59**

**Q.60 THROUGH Q.64 HELD FOR RELEASE**

**NO QUESTIONS 65-69**

**ASK ALL:**

Thinking about the issue of terrorism for a moment...

**ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=1110]:**

Q.70F1 Overall, do you think the ability of terrorists to launch another major attack on the U.S. is greater, the same, or less than it was at the time of the September 11<sup>th</sup> terrorist attacks?

	<u>Greater</u>	<u>The same</u>	<u>Less</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>DK/Ref</u>
Oct 13-18, 2010	30	41	25	4
Jan 6-10, 2010	33	35	29	3
Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	29	38	29	4
Feb 4-8, 2009	17	44	35	4
Mid-September, 2008	18	43	36	3
Late-February, 2008	16	41	39	4
December, 2006	23	41	31	5
August, 2006	25	37	33	5
January, 2006	17	39	39	5
Late-October, 2005	26	41	29	4
July, 2005	28	40	29	3
July, 2004	24	39	34	3
Late-August, 2002	22	39	34	5

**ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=1110]:**

Q.71F1 So far, there has not been another terrorist attack in America since 2001. Is this mostly because  
**[READ AND RANDOMIZE]?**

<u>Oct 13-18</u> <u>2010</u>		<u>Oct 28-</u> <u>Nov 8</u> <u>2009</u>	<u>Aug</u> <u>2006</u>	<u>Late</u> <u>Oct</u> <u>2005</u>
37	The government is doing a good job protecting the country [OR]	44	39	33
13	America is a difficult target for terrorists [OR]	11	13	17
43	America has been lucky so far	35	40	45
8	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>	9	8	5

**ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=1141]:**

Q.72F2 In general, how well do you think the U.S. government is doing in reducing the threat of terrorism [READ]?

	Very <u>well</u>	Fairly <u>well</u>	Not too <u>well</u>	Not at all <u>well</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Oct 13-18, 2010	15	54	17	10	4
Jan 6-10, 2010	15	50	21	12	2
Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	20	53	14	8	4
Mar 31-Apr 21, 2009	19	56	15	5	5
Feb 4-8, 2009	22	49	16	6	7
Late February, 2008	21	45	19	12	3
January, 2007	17	37	27	17	2
December, 2006	17	48	21	11	3
August, 2006	22	52	16	8	2
February, 2006	16	52	20	10	2
January, 2006	16	50	20	9	5
Late October, 2005	17	50	22	9	2
July, 2005	17	53	19	8	3
July, 2004	18	53	17	8	4
August, 2003	19	56	16	7	2
Early November, 2002 (RVs)	15	54	19	8	4
June, 2002	16	60	16	4	4
Early November, 2001	35	46	9	5	5
October 15-21, 2001	38	46	9	4	3
October 10-14, 2001	48	40	6	2	4

**ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=1141]:**

Q.73F2 What concerns you more about the government's anti-terrorism policies [READ AND RANDOMIZE]: That they have gone too far in restricting the average person's civil liberties [OR] That they have not gone far enough to adequately protect the country?

	Have gone too far in restricting <u>civil liberties</u>	Have not gone far enough <u>to protect county</u>	(VOL.) Both/Neither/ Approve <u>of policies</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Oct 13-18, 2010	32	47	11	10
Jan 6-10, 2010	27	58	8	8
Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	36	40	13	11
Feb 4-8, 2009 <sup>1</sup>	36	42	9	13
Late February, 2008	36	47	9	8
August, 2006	26	55	11	8
February, 2006	33	50	10	7
January, 2006	33	46	12	9
Late October, 2005	34	48	10	8
July, 2005	31	52	10	7
July, 2004	29	49	11	11

**NO QUESTION 74****Q.75 THROUGH PVOTE08B PREVIOUSLY RELEASED**

<sup>1</sup> In February 4-8, 2009 the question asked whether the policies "go too far in restricting the average person's civil liberties" or "do not go far enough to adequately protect the country."