

**PEW RESEARCH CENTER FOR THE PEOPLE & THE PRESS/WASHINGTON POST
MAY OSAMA BIN LADEN SURVEY
FINAL TOPLINE
May 2, 2011
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QUESTIONS 1-2 PREVIOUSLY RELEASED

ASK ALL:

Q.2a Regardless of what you think about the original decision to use military force in Afghanistan, do you now believe that the United States will definitely succeed, probably succeed, probably fail, or definitely fail in achieving its goals in Afghanistan?

May 2 <u>2011</u>		Dec 1-5 <u>2010</u>	Jun 16-20 <u>2010</u>	Mar 10-14 <u>2010</u>	Dec 9-13 <u>2009</u>	Jan 7-11 <u>2009</u>
19	Definitely succeed	9	14	12	11	13
44	Probably succeed	40	45	46	48	49
20	Probably fail	30	26	22	25	23
6	Definitely fail	9	7	7	7	6
10	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	11	8	12	10	9

ASK ALL:

Q.3 Do you think the U.S. should keep military troops in Afghanistan until the situation has stabilized, or do you think the U.S. should remove troops as soon as possible?

	Keep troops in Afghanistan	Remove troops	(VOL.) DK/Ref
May 2, 2011	47	48	4
Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011 ¹	44	50	6
Dec 1-5, 2010	44	47	8
Jul 8-11, 2010	47	42	11
Jun 16-20, 2010	53	40	6
Apr 15-May 5, 2010 (GAP)	48	45	7
Sep 10-15, 2009 (GAP)	50	43	7
June, 2009 (GAP)	57	38	5
Mid-Sept, 2008	61	33	6
April, 2008 (GAP)	50	44	6
Late Feb, 2008	61	32	7
May, 2007 (GAP)	50	42	7

NO QUESTION 4

QUESTIONS 5-7 PREVIOUSLY RELEASED

¹ In surveys conducted March 30-April 3, 2011 and before, the question was worded "Do you think the U.S. and NATO should keep military troops in Afghanistan until the situation has stabilized, or do you think the U.S. and NATO should remove their troops as soon as possible?"

ASK ALL:

Q.8 Now that Osama bin Laden has been killed, do you think the terrorism threat is mostly over or do you think we will have to take further military actions to reduce the threat of terrorism to the United States?

May 2 <u>2011</u>		Jan <u>2002²</u>
5	Mostly over	5
85	Have to take further military actions	92
10	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	3

ASK ALL:

Q.9 Regardless of the long-term impact, how worried are you, if at all, that the terrorist group al Qaeda will attempt a major terrorist attack against the United States as retaliation for bin Laden's death is this something that worries you **[READ]**?

May 2 <u>2011</u>	
22	A great deal
45	Somewhat
20	Not so much [OR]
12	Not at all
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

ASK ALL:

Q.10 How much confidence do you have in the ability of the U.S. government to prevent further terrorist attacks against Americans in this country **[READ]**?

	A great <u>deal</u>	A good <u>amount</u>	Only a fair <u>amount</u>	None <u>at all</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
May 2, 2011	22	40	31	7	1
ABC/Washington Post:					
September, 2010	12	32	45	11	*
September, 2007	15	34	40	10	1
September, 2006	15	31	43	10	1
January, 2006	19	31	39	11	*
September, 2005	14	27	41	18	*
August, 2005	14	28	43	15	*
September, 2004 (RVs)	16	35	39	8	1
September, 2003	14	31	48	7	1
September, 2002	12	38	43	6	*
July, 2002	13	33	45	9	*
June, 2002	14	30	44	11	*
May, 2002	17	29	42	10	2
March, 2002	18	38	39	5	*
January, 2002	18	40	37	6	1
Late November, 2001	24	39	32	5	1
Early November, 2001	17	35	40	7	1
September 11, 2001	35	31	30	2	1
June, 1997	10	26	52	10	3
August, 1996	12	23	49	16	*
May, 1995	12	24	51	12	1
April, 1995	13	24	51	11	1
June, 1993	22	37	32	8	1
April, 1989	16	30	38	16	*

² In January 2002, question was worded "If Osama bin Laden is captured or killed, do you think that the terrorism threat will be ...".

ASK ALL:

Q.11 How much do you think bin Laden's death will **[INSERT FIRST ITEM; RANDOMIZE]**? Do you think it will help a great deal, somewhat, not much or hardly at all? How about **[INSERT NEXT ITEM]**? **[REPEAT AS NECESSARY: Do you think it will help a great deal, somewhat, not much or hardly at all?]**

	A great <u>deal</u>	Some- <u>what</u>	Not <u>much</u>	Hardly <u>at all</u>	(VOL.) <u>Won't</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
a. Contribute to long-term peace and stability in the Middle East May 2, 2011	12	39	20	22	3	4
b. Contribute to long-term security of the United States May 2, 2011	22	46	16	13	1	2

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How much do you think Saddam's capture will do to **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE]**? Do you think it will help a great deal, somewhat, not much or hardly at all?

	A great <u>deal</u>	Some- <u>what</u>	Not <u>much</u>	Hardly <u>at all</u>	(VOL.) <u>Won't</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
a. Contribute to long-term peace and stability in the Middle East	24	26	14	13	2	2
b. Contribute to long-term security of the United States	23	42	16	15	2	2

ASK ALL:

Q.11x Does Osama bin Laden's death make you more confident or less confident that the U.S. can achieve its goals in the war in Afghanistan, or doesn't it affect your views either way?

May 2 <u>2011</u>	
46	More confident
5	Less confident
45	Doesn't affect views either way
3	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

QUESTION 12 PREVIOUSLY RELEASED**ASK ALL:**

Q.13 Is your impression that the government of Pakistan **[RANDOMIZE: mostly helped, OR mostly hurt]** U.S. efforts to find Osama bin Laden, or don't you know enough to say?

May 2 <u>2011</u>	
8	Mostly helped
34	Mostly hurt
54	Don't know enough to say
3	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

QUESTION 14 PREVIOUSLY RELEASED

ASK ALL:

Q.901 Generally speaking, do you usually think of yourself as **[RANDOMIZE: a Republican, a Democrat]**, an independent, or what?

ASK IF INDEP/OTHER/DK/REF (Q.901=3,4,9):

Q.904 Do you lean more towards the **[RANDOMIZE IN SAME ORDER AS Q.901: Republican Party OR the Democratic Party]**?

	A	A	An		(VOL.)	Lean	Lean
	<u>Republican</u>	<u>Democrat</u>	<u>Independent</u>	<u>Other</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>	<u>Rep</u>	<u>Dem</u>
May 2, 2011	22	35	32	6	5	9	18