



**Interviews with 1,010 adult Americans, conducted by telephone by Opinion Research Corporation on August 28-31, 2009. The margin of sampling error for results based on the total sample is plus or minus 3 percentage points.**

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21. How likely is it that there will be further acts of terrorism in the United States over the next several weeks -- very likely, somewhat likely, not too likely, or not at all likely?

	<u>Aug. 28-31</u> <u>2009</u>	<u>Dec. 1-2</u> <u>2008</u>				
Very likely	9%	9%				
Somewhat likely	25%	27%				
Not too likely	42%	45%				
Not at all likely	22%	17%				
No opinion	1%	1%				
	<u>Sept. 5-7</u> <u>2008*</u>	<u>June 26-29</u> <u>2008</u>	<u>Aug. 6-8</u> <u>2007*</u>	<u>May 4-6</u> <u>2007</u>	<u>Jan. 19-21</u> <u>2007</u>	<u>Aug 18-20</u> <u>2006*</u>
Very likely	7%	8%	9%	11%	9%	16%
Somewhat likely	23%	27%	32%	27%	29%	38%
Not too likely	43%	45%	42%	37%	41%	31%
Not at all likely	27%	20%	17%	23%	18%	13%
No opinion	1%	1%	*	2%	3%	2%

\*ASKED OF HALF SAMPLE

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	<u>Very</u> <u>likely</u>	<u>Somewhat</u> <u>likely</u>	<u>Not too</u> <u>likely</u>	<u>Not at all</u> <u>likely</u>	<u>No</u> <u>opinion</u>
2006 Jan 20-22*	14	35	38	11	2
2005 Jul 22-24	12	45	32	10	1
2005 Jul 7-10	12	43	35	9	1
2005 Jun 16-19	4	31	45	18	2
2005 Jan 7-9*	8	31	44	15	2
2004 Dec 17-19*	10	38	39	12	1
2004 Jul 19-21*	12	39	34	11	4
2004 Jan 9-11*	7	39	36	16	2
2003 Aug 25-26*	10	44	35	10	1
2003 Jul 18-20*	7	33	41	16	3
2003 May 19-21	12	45	32	8	3
2003 Mar 22-23	21	52	20	6	1
2003 Feb 7-9*	16	50	23	9	2
2002 Sep 13-16*	12	44	31	10	3
2002 Sep 2-4	12	48	28	9	3
2002 Jul 5-8*	15	41	30	12	2
2002 May 20-22*	21	44	25	7	3
2002 Mar 8-9*	9	43	32	13	3
2001 Dec 14-16*	17	45	27	8	3
2001 Nov 2-4*	24	50	16	6	4
2001 Oct 19-21*	40	45	10	3	2
2001 Oct 7**	41	42	9	4	4
2001 Sep 21-22**	22	44	24	8	2

\*Asked of a half sample.

\*\*WORDING: How likely is it that there will be further terrorist attacks in the United States over the next several weeks -  
- very likely, somewhat likely, not too likely, or not at all likely?

22. How likely is it that there will be further acts of terrorism in your community over the next several weeks -- very likely, somewhat likely, not too likely, or not at all likely?

	<u>Aug. 28-31 2009</u>	<u>Sept. 5-7 2008*</u>	<u>Aug. 6-8 2007</u>	<u>Aug. 18-20 2006</u>
Very likely	4%	3%	5%	4%
Somewhat likely	6%	11%	11%	7%
Not too likely	32%	31%	38%	32%
Not at all likely	57%	54%	44%	56%
No opinion	1%	*	2%	1%

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	<u>Very likely</u>	<u>Somewhat likely</u>	<u>Not too likely</u>	<u>Not at all likely</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2005 Jan 7-9*	2	8	38	52	*
2004 Jan 9-11*	3	8	36	51	2
2003 Aug 25-26*	4	10	34	51	1
2002 Jul 5-8*	4	13	34	48	1
2002 Mar 8-9*	2	10	35	52	1
2001 Nov 2-4*	3	20	41	32	4

\* Asked of a half sample.

23. How much confidence do you have in the Obama administration to protect U.S. citizens from future acts of terrorism -- a great deal, a moderate amount, not much or none at all?

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A great deal	27%
A moderate amount	36%
Not much	19%
None at all	17%
No opinion	*

**FOR COMPARISON:**

**CNN/OPINION RESEARCH CORPORATION AND CNN/USA TODAY/GALLUP TRENDS  
ON BUSH ADMINISTRATION**

How much confidence do you have in the Bush administration to protect U.S. citizens from future acts of terrorism -- a great deal, a moderate amount, not much, or none at all?

	<u>Great deal</u>	<u>Moderate amount</u>	<u>Not much</u>	<u>None at all</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2006 Aug. 18-20*	22	37	23	18	*
2006 Jan 20-22	30	34	22	13	1
2005 Jul 7-10	23	38	24	14	1
2005 Jun 16-19	23	38	21	17	1
2005 Feb 4-6	38	35	16	10	1
2004 Jul 30-Aug 1**	31	33	21	15	*
2004 Jul 19-21**	27	40	18	15	*
2003 May 19-21**	35	44	15	5	1

\* August, 2006 results from CNN/Opinion Research Corporation poll. All other results from CNN/USA Today/Gallup polls.

\*\*Asked of a half sample.

24. Thinking back to the September 11, 2001 attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, generally speaking, do you think things in the country are completely back to normal, somewhat back to normal but not completely, or not yet back to normal?
25. (IF NOT COMPLETELY BACK TO NORMAL:) Do you think the country will ever completely return to normal at some point in the future, or don't you feel that way?

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**QUESTION 24**

The country is completely back to normal	7%	5%	2%
The country is somewhat back to normal	49%	49%	41%
The country is not back to normal	44%	46%	57%
No opinion	*	*	*

**QUESTIONS 24 AND 25 COMBINED**

The country is completely back to normal	7%	5%	2%
The country not back to normal but will be	32%	30%	29%
The country not back to normal and never will be	60%	63%	70%
No opinion	1%	2%	*

CNN/TIME (2002, 2003) AND CNN/USA TODAY/GALLUP (2005) TRENDS

	The country is completely back to <u>normal</u>	The country is somewhat back to <u>normal</u>	The country is not back to <u>normal</u>	No <u>opinion</u>
<b>QUESTIONS 25</b>				
August 28-30, 2005	4%	42%	54%	*
Sept. 2-4, 2003	5%	40%	54%	1%
August 28-29, 2002	4%	44%	52%	*

	The country is completely back to normal	The country is not back to normal but will be	The country will never be back to <u>normal</u>	No <u>opinion</u>
<b>QUESTIONS 25 AND 25A COMBINED</b>				
August 28-30, 2005	4%	29%	63%	4%
Sept. 2-4, 2003	5%	38%	52%	5%
August 28-29, 2002	4%	39%	54%	3%

26. As you may know, the Attorney General has appointed a special prosecutor to investigate whether CIA employees used harsh interrogation procedures when questioning suspected terrorists that went beyond the actions that the Bush administration had authorized. Do you think this is a good idea or a bad idea?

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Good idea	49%
Bad idea	50%
No opinion	2%