



# POLL

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**Total N= 965**

*All trends are from New York Times/CBS News polls unless otherwise noted.  
Asterisk indicates registered respondents only.*

1. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as President?

	Approve	Disapprove	DK/NA
2/2-4/09 CBS	62	15	23
2/18-22/09	63	22	15
3/12-16/09 CBS	62	24	14
3/20-22/09 CBS	64	20	16
4/1-5/09	66	24	10
4/22-26/09	68	23	9
5/6-12/09 CBS	63	26	11
6/12-16/09	63	26	11
7/9-12/09 CBS	57	32	11
7/24-28/09	58	30	13
8/27-31/09 CBS	56	35	9
9/19-23/09	56	33	11
10/5-8/09 CBS	56	34	10
11/13-16/09 CBS	53	36	11
12/4-8/09	50	39	11
1/6-10/10 CBS	46	41	13
1/14-17/10 CBS	50	40	10
2/5-10/10	46	45	9
3/18-21/10 CBS	49	41	10
3/29-4/1/10 CBS	44	41	15
4/5-12/10	50	40	10
4/28-5/2/10	51	39	10
5/20-24/10 CBS	47	43	10
6/16-20/10	47	43	10
7/9-12/10 CBS	44	44	12
8/20-24/10 CBS	48	44	8
9/10-14/10	45	47	8
10/1-5/10 CBS	44	45	11
10/21-26/10	45	47	8
11/7-10/10 CBS	45	45	10
11/29-12/2/10 CBS	48	42	10
1/15-19/11	49	39	12
2/11-14/11 CBS	48	41	11
3/18-21/11 CBS	49	41	10
4/15-20/11	46	45	8
5/2-3/11	57	37	6
6/3-7/11 CBS	48	43	9
6/24-28/11	47	44	9
8/2-3/11	48	47	5
9/10-15/11	43	50	7
9/28-10/2/11 CBS	44	44	12
10/19-24/11	46	46	8
11/6-10/11 CBS	43	47	10
12/5-7/11 CBS	44	46	10
12/14-18/11 CBS	47	44	9
1/4-8/12 CBS	45	47	8
1/12-17/12	47	45	8
2/8-13/12	50	43	7
3/7-11/12	41	47	12
4/13-17/12	48	42	10
7/11-16/12	44	46	10
8/22-26/12 CBS	48	43	8
9/8-12/12	51	42	7
10/17-20/12 CBS	49	42	9
10/25-28/12	50	42	8
12/12-16/12 CBS	57	37	6
1/11-15/13	51	41	7
2/6-10/13 CBS	52	38	10
3/20-24/13 CBS	45	46	9
<b>4/24-28/13</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>8</b>

6. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling the threat of terrorism?

	Approve	Disapprove	DK/NA
2/2-4/09 CBS <sup>1</sup>	52	17	31
4/22-26/09	55	28	16
6/12-16/09	57	24	18
1/6-10/10 CBS	52	35	13
1/14-17/10 CBS	60	33	7
2/5-10/10	55	34	11
3/29-4/1/10 CBS	54	32	14
5/20-24/10 CBS	50	38	12
8/20-24/10 CBS	51	37	12
5/2-3/11	72	19	8
6/3-7/11 CBS	63	28	9
6/24-28/11	63	27	10
11/6-10/11 CBS	63	28	9
12/5-7/11 CBS	57	31	12
1/12-17/12	61	29	10
12/12-16/12 CBS	60	29	12
2/6-10/13 CBS	57	31	13
<b>4/24-28/13</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>9</b>

<sup>1</sup> Question read: "... handling the campaign against terrorism?"

10. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling the response to the bombings at the Boston marathon?

	Approve	Disapprove	DK/NA
<b>4/24-28/13</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>12</b>

17. What is your impression of the religion called Islam? Is it very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, very unfavorable, or haven't you heard enough about that to say?

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Haven't heard enough	DK/NA
2/24-26/02 CBS	7	23	17	16	31	6
2/22-26/06 CBS	7	16	17	19	32	9
4/6-9/06 CBS	2	17	20	25	31	5
2/8-11/07 CBS	1	14	21	25	34	5
8/20-24/10 CBS	6	18	19	20	30	7
3/18-21/11 CBS	10	20	19	16	26	9
11/6-10/11 CBS	7	18	15	17	31	12
9/27-30/12 CBS	9	16	17	21	27	10
<b>4/24-28/13</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>11</b>

18. Generally speaking, do you think the Islamic religion encourages violence more than other religions around the world, about the same amount, or less than other religions around the world?

	More	Same amount	Less	DK/NA
2/22-26/06 CBS	39	35	8	18
4/6-9/06 CBS	46	30	7	17
10/12-16/07 CBS	45	36	6	13
11/6-10/11 CBS	36	42	6	16
<b>4/24-28/13</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>18</b>

20. Who do you trust more to make the right decisions about handling the threat of terrorism – the Republicans in Congress or Barack Obama?

	Republicans in Congress	Barack Obama	Both(vol.)	Neither(vol.)	DK/NA
<b>4/24-28/13</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4</b>

50. As a result of LEGAL immigration into the United States, do you think the threat of terrorism against the United States has increased, decreased, or stayed the same?

	Increased	Decreased	Stayed the same	DK/NA
5/18-23/07	42	3	54	1
<b>4/24-28/13</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>5</b>

61. How closely have you been following news about the bombings at the Boston marathon -- very closely, somewhat closely, not too closely, or not at all closely?

	Very closely	Somewhat closely	Not too closely	Not at all closely	DK/NA
<b>4/24-28/13</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>

62. How much confidence do you have in the ability of the U.S. government to protect its citizens from future terrorist attacks – a great deal, a fair amount, not very much, or none at all?

	Great deal	Fair amount	Not very much	None at all	DK/NA
9/20-23/01	35	53	10	1	1
10/8/01	30	55	12	1	2
10/25-28/01	18	58	20	4	1
12/7-10/01	17	60	18	4	1
1/5-6/02 CBS	23	58	16	2	1
6/18-20/02 CBS	16	54	24	5	1
7/8-9/02 CBS	21	53	22	3	1
7/13-16/02	21	53	21	4	1
9/2-5/02	20	56	18	4	2
7/29-8/2/05 CB	20	49	24	6	1
8/29-31/05 CBS	18	54	21	5	2
9/6-7/05 CBS	19	40	30	10	1
10/3-5/05 CBS	16	47	30	7	
1/5-8/06 CBS	21	48	23	6	2
3/9-12/06 CBS	17	43	28	10	2
8/11-13/06 CBS	17	51	25	6	1
8/17-21/06	18	52	24	5	1
7/20-22/07	17	49	24	8	2
1/6-10/10 CBS	15	56	23	4	2
11/7-10/10 CBS	24	51	16	6	2
<b>4/24-28/13</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1</b>

63. How likely do you think it is that there will be another terrorist attack in the United States within the next few months – very likely, somewhat likely, not very likely, not at all likely?

	Very likely	Somewhat likely	Not very likely	Not at all likely	DK/NA
9/20-23/01	36	42	16	4	2
10/8/01 CBS	46	39	8	3	4
10/25-28/01	53	35	8	2	3
12/7-10/01	23	50	19	5	3
1/5-6/02 CBS	18	47	27	6	2
1/21-24/02	23	48	21	4	3
2/24-26/02 CBS	18	44	29	5	4
4/1-2/02 CBS	28	46	17	5	4
4/15-18/02 CBS	21	46	22	7	4
5/13-14/02 CBS	25	47	21	4	3
5/19-20/02 CBS	33	41	17	6	3
6/18-20/02 CBS	36	45	13	3	3
7/8-9/02 CBS	30	43	22	4	1
7/13-16/02	27	47	20	4	3
9/2-5/02	23	46	23	5	3
10/27-31/02	27	47	15	7	3
11/20-24/02	27	50	15	6	2
1/19-22/03	14	48	28	7	3
2/10-12/03	35	45	14	4	2
2/24-25/03 CBS	23	51	18	6	2
3/4-5/03 CBS	27	48	17	4	4
5/27-28/03 CBS	24	47	22	5	2
8/26-28/03 CBS	15	49	25	8	3
7/11-15/04	24	47	20	7	3
8/15-18/04 CBS	17	50	20	8	5
9/12-16/04	18	48	23	8	4
7/13-14/05 CBS	19	46	25	7	3
7/29-8/2/05 CBS	17	44	28	8	3
8/29-31/05 CBS	9	43	35	7	6
1/20-25/06	10	43	33	11	3
8/11-13/06 CBS	17	47	27	6	3
8/17-21/06	16	43	30	9	2
7/9-17/07	17	40	30	10	2
7/20-22/07	16	41	29	9	6
9/4-9/07	9	39	37	11	4
12/5-9/07	11	29	38	17	4
9/5-7/08 CBS	7	29	43	17	4
12/4-8/08 CBS	9	36	38	15	2
1/11-15/09	5	29	42	21	3
8/27-31/09 CBS	7	25	43	19	6
1/6-10/10	26	40	22	8	4
2/5-10/10	18	40	28	10	4
5/20-24/10 CBS	19	41	28	8	4
11/7-10/10 CBS	15	39	32	12	3
5/2-3/11	21	48	22	7	1
8/19-23/11	9	33	40	15	3
4/27-30/12 CBS	10	27	37	20	6
<b>4/24-28/13</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>

64. Would you say you personally are very concerned about a terrorist attack in the area where you live, or not?

	Yes	No	DK/NA
9/11/01 CBS	43	56	1
9/12/01 CBS	36	62	2
9/13-14/01	39	59	2
9/20-23/01	32	66	1
10/8/01 CBS	30	69	1
10/25-28/01	26	71	2
12/7-10/01	24	75	1
1/5-6/02 CBS	22	77	1
6/18-20/02 CBS	29	70	1
9/2-5/02	25	74	1
10/27-31/02	32	67	1
11/20-24/02	30	69	1
1/19-22/03	26	74	1
2/10-12/03	27	72	1
2/24-25/03 CBS	33	66	1
5/27-28/03 CBS	21	79	
7/13-14/05 CBS	21	77	2
8/11-13/06 CBS	26	73	1
8/17-21/06	22	78	1
12/17-22/09 CBS	17	82	1
1/6-10/10 CBS	22	77	1
<b>4/24-28/13</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>1</b>

65. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Americans will always have to live with the risk of terrorism.

	Agree	Disagree	DK/NA
9/2-5/02	90	9	1
10/27-31/02	85	13	2
8/19-23/11	83	15	2
<b>4/24-28/13</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>2</b>

66. In general, do you think the United States is adequately prepared to deal with another terrorist attack, or not?

	Prepared	Not	DK/NA
3/20-24/03	64	29	7
8/17-21/06	49	44	6
9/4-9/07 CBS	39	56	5
8/27-31/09 CBS	50	44	6
8/19-23/11	54	37	9
<b>4/24-28/13</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>5</b>

67. What about your state and local governments? Do you think your state and local governments are adequately prepared to deal with another terrorist attack, or not?

	Prepared	Not	DK/NA
3/20-22/03	49	42	10
8/17-21/06	39	52	9
<b>4/24-28/13</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>10</b>

68. Overall, in its efforts to fight terrorism, do you think the U.S. government has gone too far in restricting people's civil liberties, or has it not gone far enough, or has the balance been about right?

	Too far	Not far enough	About right	DK/NA
8/19-23/11	25	17	52	6
<b>4/24-38/13</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>5</b>

69. In order to reduce your chances of being a victim of terrorist attacks, will you, personally, be less likely to attend large public events in the future, or not?

	Yes	No	DK/NA
<b>4/24-28/13</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>3</b>

70. Do you approve or disapprove of the way federal and local law enforcement authorities handled the bombings at the Boston Marathon?

	Approve	Disapprove	DK/NA
<b>4/24-28/13</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>6</b>

71. Do you think U.S. Intelligence agencies had information that could have prevented the bombings that occurred at the Boston Marathon, or not?

	Could have prevented	Could not have prevented	DK/NA
<b>4/24-28/13</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>15</b>

72. Do you think the suspects in the bombings at the Boston Marathon acted alone or do you think they were connected to a larger terrorist group?

	Acted alone	Connected to larger terrorist group	DK/NA
<b>4/24-28/13</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>15</b>

73. Some people think installing video surveillance cameras in public places is a good idea because they may help to reduce the threat of terrorism. Other people think this is a bad idea because surveillance cameras may infringe on people's privacy rights. What do you think? Would you say that it is a good idea or a bad idea to install surveillance cameras in public places?

	Good idea	Bad idea	Both (vol.)	DK/NA
7/13-14/05 CBS	71	23	4	2
<b>4/24-28/13</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>

74. Some people have said that information about making explosives should not be allowed on the Internet, where other people could learn how to do it. Other people say we should allow such information on the Internet, even if we don't like it, since prohibiting it would be a form of censorship. Which comes closest to your view - do you think information about making explosives should or should not be permitted on the Internet?

	Should be permitted	Should not be permitted	DK/NA
<b>4/24-28/13</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>4</b>

These last few questions are for background only.

86. Do you personally know anyone who is Muslim? IF YES, ASK: Would you say they are a close friend or not?

	Muslim close friend	Know Muslim, not close	Don't know any	Self or family	DK/NA
4/24-28/13	15	24	57	2	2

Some people are registered to vote and others are not. Are you registered to vote in the precinct or election district where you now live, or aren't you?

	Yes	No
4/24-28/13	84	15

Do you have any children? IF YES, ASK: Are any of your children 18 or under?

	Yes, 18 or under	Yes, over 18	No	DK/NA
4/24-28/13	29	39	32	1

Are you currently employed -- either full-time or part-time, are you temporarily out of work, or are you not in the market for work at all? IF NOT IN MARKET FOR WORK, ASK: Are you currently retired, or not?

	Employed	Out of work	Not in the market	Retired	DK/NA
4/24-28/13	57	10	11	22	-

Are you now married, widowed, divorced, separated, or have you never been married?

	Married	Widowed	Divorced	Separated	Never married	DK/NA
4/24-28/13	53	5	11	3	27	1

Some people think of themselves as evangelical or born again Christians. Do you ever think of yourself in either of these ways?

	Yes	No	DK/NA
4/24-28/13	27	70	3

What is your religious preference today?

	Protestant	Catholic	Jewish	Muslim	Other	None	DK/NA
4/24-28/13	47	20	2	1	6	21	3



Generally speaking, do you usually consider yourself a Republican, a Democrat, an Independent, or what?

	Rep	Dem	Ind	DK/NA		Rep	Dem	Ind	DK/NA
7/13-16/02	28	34	33	5	12/4-8/09	27	36	29	8
9/2-5/02	29	35	26	10	2/5-10/10	28	30	37	5
10/3-5/02	27	38	28	7	4/5-12/10	28	31	33	7
10/27-31/02	31	34	28	7	4/28-5/2/10	25	34	31	10
11/20-24/02	29	32	31	8	6/16-20/10	24	34	33	9
1/19-22/03	29	32	33	6	9/10-14/10	25	35	33	7
2/10-12/03	28	34	31	6	10/21-26/10	28	37	31	4
3/7-9/03	29	32	30	9	1/15-19/11	27	34	32	6
4/11-13/03	31	30	32	6	4/15-20/11	25	33	34	7
7/13-27/03	27	32	34	7	6/24-28/11	26	33	34	6
9/28-10/1/03	31	35	30	4	8/2-3/11	24	32	39	4
12/10-13/03	27	33	35	6	9/10-15/11	26	33	32	8
12/14-15/03	28	31	35	6	10/19-24/11	25	35	34	5
1/12-15/04	28	32	33	8	1/12-17/12	25	35	36	4
3/10-14/04	31	30	32	7	2/8-14/12	27	34	32	7
4/23-27/04	29	35	29	7	3/7-11/12	26	30	35	9
6/23-27/04	29	35	29	7	4/13-17/12	26	34	33	6
7/11-15/04	29	37	30	4	7/11-16/12	25	32	37	6
9/12-16/04	33	31	29	7	9/8-12/12	22	35	36	7
10/1-3/04	29	34	28	10	10/25-28/12	27	36	30	7
10/14-17/04	30	34	29	7	1/11-15/13	26	34	34	6
10/28-30/04	30	35	30	6	<b>4/24-28/13</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>8</b>
11/18-21/04	29	36	30	5					
1/14-18/05	31	34	28	8					
2/24-28/05	29	36	29	6					
6/10-15/05	28	34	31	6					
9/9-13/05	26	36	28	9					
12/2-6/05	28	32	33	7					
1/20-25/06	29	34	33	4					
5/4-8/06	25	37	34	4					
7/21-25/06	31	33	30	5					
8/17-21/06	30	35	27	8					
9/15-19/06	30	32	32	5					
10/5-8/06	30	35	30	6					
10/27-31/06	28	35	31	7					
2/24-27/07	25	35	33	6					
3/7-11/07	27	35	33	6					
4/20-24/07	24	34	36	6					
5/18-23/07	29	37	32	3					
7/9-17/07	28	34	34	4					
7/20-22/07	24	32	36	9					
9/4-8/07	31	32	33	5					
12/5-9/07	26	35	31	8					
1/9-12/08	28	40	27	5					
2/20-24/08	27	38	29	6					
/28-4/2/08	26	41	27	6					
4/25-29/08	27	37	31	5					
5/1-3/08	29	39	27	5					
7/7-14/08	26	37	31	6					
8/15-20/08	29	37	26	8					
9/12-16/08	28	39	26	7					
9/21-24/08	28	34	32	6					
10/10-13/08	28	36	29	7					
10/19-22/08	26	41	28	5					
10/25-29/08	30	37	27	5					
1/11-15/09	21	39	31	8					
2/18-22/09	26	36	32	5					
4/1-5/09	23	39	30	7					
4/22-26/09	20	38	36	6					
6/12-16/09	24	38	31	8					
7/24-28/09	20	34	39	7					
9/19-23/09	22	37	33	7					

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How would you describe your views on most political matters? Generally, do you think of yourself as liberal, moderate, or conservative?

	Lib	Mod	Con	DK/NA		Lib	Mod	Con	DK/NA
7/13-16/02	21	44	32	4	4/28-5/2/10	21	34	38	6
9/2-5/02	20	39	36		6/16-20/10	18	42	35	5
10/3-5/02	18	45	34	3	9/10-14/10	19	40	36	5
10/27-31/0	20	38	37	5	10/21-26/1	19	37	38	5
11/20-24/0	20	44	30	6	1/15-19/11	20	41	35	4
1/19-22/03	19	45	32	3	4/15-20/11	26	32	36	6
2/10-12/03	21	41	35	3	6/24-28/11	22	37	34	7
3/7-9/03	18	45	35	3	8/2-3/11	22	43	32	2
4/11-13/03	19	45	33	3	10/19-24/1	22	38	35	4
7/13-27/03	22	40	34	5	1/12-17/12	22	38	34	6
9/28-10/1/0	19	42	34	5	2/8-14/12	22	41	32	4
12/10-13/0	20	45	31	4	3/7-11/12	20	39	35	7
12/14-15/0	19	39	37	5	4/13-17/12	23	36	38	4
1/12-15/04	20	43	31	5	7/11-16/12	20	35	38	7
3/10-14/04	21	40	34	5	9/8-12/12	23	33	37	7
4/23-27/04	22	42	30	6	10/25-28/12	21	39	34	6
6/23-27/04	21	42	32	5	1/11-15/13	21	39	34	5
7/11-15/04	22	41	34	3	<b>4/24-28/13</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>6</b>
9/12-16/04	20	40	36	4					
10/1-3/04	24	36	35	6					
10/14-17/0	19	42	33	6					
10/28-30/0	17	42	35	5					
11/18-21/0	22	41	33	4					
1/14-18/05	20	41	33	6					
2/24-28/05	23	38	35	5					
6/10-15/05	20	43	33	4					
9/9-13/05	18	43	34	5					
12/2-6/05	18	45	32	5					
1/20-25/06	21	45	30	4					
5/4-8/06	25	37	34	4					
7/21-25/06	21	39	36	4					
8/17-21/06	24	38	33	5					
9/15-19/06	17	43	35	4					
10/5-8/06	23	39	34	3					
10/27-31/0	20	45	30	5					
2/24-27/07	20	42	33	6					
3/7-11/07	20	40	36	4					
4/20-24/07	21	42	33	5					
5/18-23/07	20	43	32	5					
7/9-17/07	19	44	33	4					
7/20-22/07	15	48	31	5					
9/4-8/07	22	42	32	4					
12/5-9/07	22	43	31	4					
1/9-12/08	25	39	32	4					
2/20-24/08	23	41	29	6					
3/28-4/2/0	21	39	34	5					
4/25-29/08	22	41	33	4					
5/1-3/08	15	49	32	4					
7/7-14/08	22	41	32	5					
8/15-20/08	24	36	35	5					
9/12-16/08	24	39	33	4					
9/21-24/08	22	38	36	4					
10/10-13/0	18	49	29	4					
10/19-22/0	21	39	33	7					
10/25-29/0	22	38	33	7					
1/11-15/09	21	43	30	6					
2/18-22/09	20	38	36	6					
4/1-5/09	23	39	31	7					
4/22-26/09	22	42	29	7					
6/12-16/09	27	37	29	7					
7/24-28/09	22	41	30	7					
9/19-23/09	21	39	36	4					
12/4-8/09	21	36	38	5					

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How old are you?

	18-29	30-44	45-64	Over 64	Refused
4/24-28/13	22	26	34	17	-

What was the last grade in school you completed?

	Not a H.S. grad	H.S. grad	Some college	College grad	Post Grad	Refused
4/24-28/13	9	35	28	17	11	1

Are you of Hispanic origin or descent, or not?

	Hispanic	Not Hispanic	DK/NA
4/24-28/13	14	85	1

Are you white, black, Asian or some other race?

	White	Black	Asian	Other	Refused
4/24-28/13	74	12	2	10	2

Was your total family income in 2012 UNDER or OVER \$50,000? IF UNDER, ASK: Was it under \$15,000, between \$15,000 and \$30,000, or between \$30,000 and \$50,000? IF OVER, ASK: Was it between \$50,000 and \$75,000 or between \$75,000 and \$100,000 or was it over \$100,000?

	Under \$15,000	\$15,000- \$29,999	\$30,000- \$49,999	\$50,000- \$74,999	\$75,000- \$100,000	Over \$100,000	Refused
4/24-28/13	9	13	19	20	13	17	10

	Male	Female
4/24-28/13	49	51