

1. Protecting from terrorism

When it comes to protecting the country from terrorism, some people say it's more important to ensure people's constitutional rights, even if it means that some suspected terrorists are never found. Others say it's more important to find every potential terrorist, even if some innocent people are seriously hurt. Which is closer to your view?

| | Gender | | | Age | | | | 3 Point Party ID | | |
|---|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------------|-------------|------------|
| | Total | Male | Female | 18-29 | 30-44 | 45-64 | 65+ | Democrat | Independent | Republican |
| More important to ensure people's constitutional rights | 49% | 55% | 44% | 68% | 53% | 43% | 35% | 50% | 57% | 33% |
| More important to find every potential terrorist | 35% | 34% | 36% | 18% | 29% | 41% | 49% | 35% | 22% | 57% |
| Not sure | 16% | 11% | 20% | 13% | 18% | 16% | 16% | 15% | 20% | 10% |
| Totals (Unweighted N) | 100% (989) | 100% (480) | 100% (509) | 100% (131) | 100% (265) | 100% (426) | 100% (167) | 100% (347) | 100% (391) | 100% (251) |

| | Race | | | Family Income | | | Region | | | | |
|---|------------|------------|------------|---------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| | Total | White | Black | Hispanic | Under 40 | 40-80 | 80+ | Northeast | Midwest | South | West |
| More important to ensure people's constitutional rights | 49% | 50% | 37% | 54% | 44% | 54% | 54% | 49% | 47% | 48% | 53% |
| More important to find every potential terrorist | 35% | 35% | 32% | 38% | 37% | 34% | 33% | 38% | 29% | 38% | 34% |
| Not sure | 16% | 15% | 31% | 8% | 19% | 13% | 13% | 13% | 24% | 15% | 13% |
| Totals (Unweighted N) | 100% (989) | 100% (762) | 100% (113) | 100% (114) | 100% (347) | 100% (288) | 100% (214) | 100% (159) | 100% (241) | 100% (358) | 100% (231) |

2. Consider worse

Thinking about the U.S.' anti-terrorism efforts, which of these do you consider worse?

| | Gender | | | Age | | | | 3 Point Party ID | | |
|---|--------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------------|-------------|------------|
| | Total | Male | Female | 18-29 | 30-44 | 45-64 | 65+ | Democrat | Independent | Republican |
| Releasing terrorists who could harm the U.S. from detention | 55% | 55% | 56% | 38% | 48% | 63% | 71% | 46% | 46% | 85% |
| Wrongly detaining innocent people | 35% | 36% | 35% | 47% | 39% | 31% | 26% | 46% | 41% | 10% |
| Not sure | 9% | 10% | 9% | 15% | 13% | 6% | 3% | 8% | 12% | 5% |
| Totals (Unweighted N) | 100% (1,000) | 100% (484) | 100% (516) | 100% (131) | 100% (268) | 100% (432) | 100% (169) | 100% (350) | 100% (395) | 100% (255) |

| | Race | | | Family Income | | | Region | | | | |
|---|--------------|------------|------------|---------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| | Total | White | Black | Hispanic | Under 40 | 40-80 | 80+ | Northeast | Midwest | South | West |
| Releasing terrorists who could harm the U.S. from detention | 55% | 58% | 39% | 56% | 57% | 58% | 54% | 56% | 58% | 56% | 52% |
| Wrongly detaining innocent people | 35% | 34% | 40% | 39% | 32% | 36% | 38% | 37% | 30% | 36% | 39% |
| Not sure | 9% | 8% | 21% | 5% | 10% | 6% | 8% | 7% | 12% | 8% | 9% |
| Totals (Unweighted N) | 100% (1,000) | 100% (769) | 100% (115) | 100% (116) | 100% (352) | 100% (292) | 100% (215) | 100% (161) | 100% (243) | 100% (360) | 100% (236) |

3. Consider worse

Do you feel...

Asked of those who considered one response to be worse than the other

| | Total | Gender | | Age | | | | 3 Point Party ID | | |
|---|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|------------------|---------------|---------------|
| | | Male | Female | 18-29 | 30-44 | 45-64 | 65+ | Democrat | Independent | Republican |
| That releasing terrorists who could harm the U.S. from detention is MUCH WORSE than wrongly detaining innocent people | 37% | 37% | 37% | 14% | 29% | 44% | 63% | 28% | 31% | 61% |
| That releasing terrorists who could harm the U.S. from detention is only slightly WORSE than wrongly detaining innocent people | 19% | 17% | 20% | 24% | 19% | 19% | 10% | 19% | 16% | 24% |
| That wrongly detaining innocent people is only slightly WORSE than releasing terrorists who could harm the U.S. from detention | 16% | 15% | 17% | 20% | 21% | 12% | 13% | 21% | 18% | 6% |
| That wrongly detaining innocent people is MUCH WORSE than releasing terrorists who could harm the U.S. from detention | 19% | 20% | 18% | 27% | 19% | 19% | 12% | 25% | 23% | 4% |
| Not sure | 9% | 10% | 9% | 15% | 13% | 6% | 3% | 8% | 13% | 5% |
| Totals (Unweighted N) | 100% (992) | 100% (481) | 100% (511) | 100% (130) | 100% (266) | 100% (431) | 100% (165) | 100% (349) | 100% (390) | 100% (253) |

| | Total | Race | | | Family Income | | | Region | | | |
|---|------------|------------|------------|------------|---------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| | | White | Black | Hispanic | Under 40 | 40-80 | 80+ | Northeast | Midwest | South | West |
| That releasing terrorists who could harm the U.S. from detention is <u>MUCH WORSE</u> than wrongly detaining innocent people | 37% | 39% | 21% | 38% | 38% | 35% | 40% | 38% | 33% | 39% | 37% |
| That releasing terrorists who could harm the U.S. from detention is <u>only slightly WORSE</u> than wrongly detaining innocent people | 19% | 19% | 18% | 18% | 19% | 23% | 14% | 18% | 25% | 17% | 15% |
| That wrongly detaining innocent people is <u>only slightly WORSE</u> than releasing terrorists who could harm the U.S. from detention | 16% | 15% | 21% | 19% | 16% | 18% | 14% | 24% | 14% | 13% | 17% |
| That wrongly detaining innocent people is <u>MUCH WORSE</u> than releasing terrorists who could harm the U.S. from detention | 19% | 19% | 18% | 20% | 17% | 18% | 24% | 13% | 17% | 22% | 22% |
| Not sure | 9% | 8% | 21% | 5% | 10% | 6% | 8% | 7% | 12% | 9% | 9% |
| Totals (Unweighted N) | 100% (992) | 100% (763) | 100% (113) | 100% (116) | 100% (350) | 100% (290) | 100% (214) | 100% (160) | 100% (243) | 100% (357) | 100% (232) |

4. Wrongful detention

A report on the CIA's post-9/11 interrogation program found that at least 22 percent of prisoners were wrongly detained, including several who were subjected to torture. Do you think this is:

| | Total | Gender | | Age | | | | 3 Point Party ID | | |
|--|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------------|-------------|------------|
| | | Male | Female | 18-29 | 30-44 | 45-64 | 65+ | Democrat | Independent | Republican |
| Acceptable – some mistakes are unavoidable | 27% | 35% | 21% | 9% | 21% | 35% | 43% | 18% | 23% | 48% |
| Unacceptable – some mistakes are unavoidable, but that number is too high | 33% | 32% | 35% | 45% | 38% | 27% | 26% | 27% | 38% | 34% |
| Unacceptable – the U.S. should never subject an innocent person to torture | 30% | 24% | 35% | 36% | 26% | 29% | 28% | 43% | 29% | 13% |
| Not sure | 10% | 10% | 10% | 10% | 15% | 9% | 3% | 11% | 11% | 6% |
| Totals (Unweighted N) | 100% (998) | 100% (484) | 100% (514) | 100% (130) | 100% (268) | 100% (432) | 100% (168) | 100% (350) | 100% (393) | 100% (255) |

| | Total | Race | | | Family Income | | | Region | | | |
|--|------------|------------|------------|------------|---------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| | | White | Black | Hispanic | Under 40 | 40-80 | 80+ | Northeast | Midwest | South | West |
| Acceptable – some mistakes are unavoidable | 27% | 29% | 21% | 24% | 28% | 25% | 30% | 26% | 26% | 31% | 24% |
| Unacceptable – some mistakes are unavoidable, but that number is too high | 33% | 34% | 31% | 32% | 28% | 38% | 43% | 38% | 32% | 28% | 39% |
| Unacceptable – the U.S. should never subject an innocent person to torture | 30% | 29% | 29% | 34% | 32% | 31% | 20% | 26% | 27% | 33% | 29% |
| Not sure | 10% | 8% | 19% | 11% | 13% | 6% | 7% | 10% | 14% | 8% | 8% |
| Totals (Unweighted N) | 100% (998) | 100% (768) | 100% (115) | 100% (115) | 100% (351) | 100% (292) | 100% (214) | 100% (161) | 100% (243) | 100% (360) | 100% (234) |