

**1. Wrong to pay ransom**

In principle, do you think it is right or wrong to pay ransoms to kidnapers to secure the release of hostages?

	Gender			Age				Party ID		
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	Democrat	Independent	Republican
Right	23%	19%	26%	37%	26%	16%	16%	32%	21%	15%
Wrong	51%	59%	43%	31%	44%	63%	61%	43%	51%	61%
Don't know	26%	22%	30%	32%	30%	21%	23%	25%	28%	24%
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (1,000)	100% (483)	100% (517)	100% (200)	100% (262)	100% (369)	100% (169)	100% (322)	100% (453)	100% (225)

	Race				Family Income			Region			
	Total	White	Black	Hispanic	Under 40	40-80	80+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Right	23%	21%	33%	27%	25%	21%	20%	26%	24%	22%	22%
Wrong	51%	54%	42%	39%	47%	54%	57%	49%	49%	54%	49%
Don't know	26%	25%	25%	34%	28%	25%	22%	25%	27%	24%	30%
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (1,000)	100% (738)	100% (116)	100% (146)	100% (409)	100% (273)	100% (170)	100% (143)	100% (188)	100% (396)	100% (273)

**2. Should government pay ransom**

Do you think the US government should or should not pay ransoms for US nationals held as hostages abroad?

	Gender			Age				Party ID		
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	Democrat	Independent	Republican
The US should not pay ransoms	54%	63%	45%	36%	50%	63%	62%	44%	54%	65%
The US should pay ransoms	19%	16%	23%	27%	24%	15%	12%	26%	19%	13%
Don't know	27%	21%	33%	37%	26%	22%	25%	30%	27%	22%
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (1,000)	100% (483)	100% (517)	100% (200)	100% (262)	100% (369)	100% (169)	100% (322)	100% (453)	100% (225)

	Race			Family Income			Region				
	Total	White	Black	Hispanic	Under 40	40-80	80+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
The US should not pay ransoms	54%	58%	43%	37%	44%	59%	69%	48%	58%	54%	53%
The US should pay ransoms	19%	16%	27%	30%	24%	16%	11%	24%	18%	18%	20%
Don't know	27%	25%	30%	33%	32%	25%	19%	28%	24%	28%	27%
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (1,000)	100% (738)	100% (116)	100% (146)	100% (409)	100% (273)	100% (170)	100% (143)	100% (188)	100% (396)	100% (273)

**3. Pay ransom for relative**

Imagine a relative of yours had been taken hostage. If you were able to raise the money for a ransom, would you pay it?

	Gender			Age				Party ID		
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	Democrat	Independent	Republican
Yes, I would pay a ransom	56%	47%	64%	70%	62%	45%	48%	68%	51%	50%
No, I would not pay a ransom	21%	29%	14%	12%	15%	27%	28%	14%	23%	28%
Don't know	23%	25%	22%	17%	22%	27%	25%	18%	27%	23%
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (990)	100% (480)	100% (510)	100% (199)	100% (257)	100% (367)	100% (167)	100% (318)	100% (449)	100% (223)

	Race			Family Income			Region				
	Total	White	Black	Hispanic	Under 40	40-80	80+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Yes, I would pay a ransom	56%	53%	66%	62%	58%	51%	58%	56%	52%	56%	57%
No, I would not pay a ransom	21%	23%	15%	14%	22%	24%	17%	17%	25%	22%	19%
Don't know	23%	24%	19%	24%	21%	25%	25%	27%	22%	22%	24%
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (990)	100% (731)	100% (115)	100% (144)	100% (405)	100% (271)	100% (168)	100% (141)	100% (188)	100% (389)	100% (272)

**4. Rescue or ransom**

Which would you prefer more?

	Total	Gender		Age				Party ID		
		Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	Democrat	Independent	Republican
The government use military force to attempt to rescue your relative	61%	68%	56%	46%	56%	70%	70%	57%	57%	76%
Pay the ransom	17%	14%	21%	25%	21%	14%	11%	24%	17%	10%
Don't know	21%	19%	24%	28%	23%	17%	19%	19%	26%	14%
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (998)	100% (483)	100% (515)	100% (199)	100% (261)	100% (369)	100% (169)	100% (321)	100% (452)	100% (225)

	Total	Race			Family Income			Region			
		White	Black	Hispanic	Under 40	40-80	80+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
The government use military force to attempt to rescue your relative	61%	64%	53%	54%	59%	64%	73%	61%	67%	59%	60%
Pay the ransom	17%	16%	23%	24%	19%	18%	8%	22%	18%	17%	15%
Don't know	21%	21%	23%	22%	22%	18%	19%	17%	16%	24%	25%
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (998)	100% (738)	100% (114)	100% (146)	100% (407)	100% (273)	100% (170)	100% (143)	100% (188)	100% (395)	100% (272)

**5. Obligation to rescue**

Do you think the US government has an obligation to use military force to attempt to rescue US nationals held as hostages abroad?

	Gender			Age				Party ID		
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	Democrat	Independent	Republican
Yes	67%	68%	66%	62%	65%	68%	74%	69%	62%	78%
No	11%	13%	10%	14%	11%	11%	8%	11%	12%	11%
Not sure	21%	19%	24%	23%	24%	21%	17%	21%	26%	11%
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (995)	100% (480)	100% (515)	100% (200)	100% (260)	100% (367)	100% (168)	100% (319)	100% (452)	100% (224)

	Race				Family Income			Region			
	Total	White	Black	Hispanic	Under 40	40-80	80+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Yes	67%	67%	77%	60%	74%	65%	63%	71%	71%	65%	64%
No	11%	12%	8%	11%	9%	13%	17%	11%	12%	9%	15%
Not sure	21%	21%	15%	29%	17%	23%	20%	18%	17%	26%	21%
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (995)	100% (735)	100% (115)	100% (145)	100% (407)	100% (270)	100% (170)	100% (141)	100% (188)	100% (395)	100% (271)