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Interviews: 513 adults
Dates: October 7, 2001

FINAL

Study #6020
NBC/WSJ Attack On Terrorism
October 7, 2001

49 Male
51 Female
[109]

Please note: all results are shown as percentages unless otherwise stated.

The margin of error for 513 interviews is $\pm 4.4\%$

As you may know, the United States and Great Britain began air strikes in Afghanistan against the Taliban government and the Al Qaeda terrorist network.

1. Would you say that you totally support, mainly support, have mixed feelings about, or oppose the approach that President Bush and his administration are taking in the war on terrorism?

	<u>10/7/01</u>	<u>9/20/01¹</u>	
Totally support.....	79	67	[137]
Mainly support.....	8	18	
Have mixed feelings.....	10	8	
Oppose.....	3	2	
Not sure.....	-	5	

¹ Previously, this question was phrased, "President Bush and his administration have outlined a number of steps that they plan to take in the campaign against terrorism. Would you say that you totally support, mainly support, have mixed feelings about, or oppose the approach that President Bush and his administration are taking in the campaign against terrorism?"

2. Do you approve or disapprove of the military action just taken in the United States' war on terrorism?

Approve	90	[138]
Disapprove.....	4	
Not sure	6	

3. Do you think that the United States' military attacks were too strong, about right, or not strong enough?

Too strong.....	6	[139]
About right	53	
Not strong enough	23	
Not sure	18	

4. Which of the following do you think should be the objective of a campaign against terrorist organizations?

Statement A--Limiting the campaign to defeating, capturing, or killing Osama bin Laden and his terrorist network.

Statement B--Broadening the campaign to defeating, capturing, or killing members of major international terrorist organizations, even if they were not involved in this specific attack.

	10/7/01	9/20/01	
Statement A/limit the campaign.....	32	31	[140]
Statement B/broaden the campaign.....	61	58	
Neither/other (VOL)	4	4	
Not sure	3	7	

5. Do you think that the duration of a campaign against terrorism will be short--that is, it will last for a few months--medium, meaning that it will last one or two years, or do you think that a campaign will be long and will last for several years or longer?

Short	7	[141]
Medium	27	
Long	62	
Not sure	4	

6. Now I'm going to read you a few things that people have said may or may not happen in the next several months. For each one, please tell me whether it is something you think is very likely to happen, fairly likely to happen, fairly unlikely to happen, or very unlikely to happen.

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY VERY OR FAIRLY LIKELY TO HAPPEN

	Very Likely To Happen	Fairly Likely To Happen	Fairly Unlikely To Happen	Very Unlikely To Happen	Not Sure	
Terrorists will retaliate and strike again in America.....	65	26	4	4	1	[142]
The United States will capture or kill Osama bin Laden	49	29	11	6	5	[143]
The United States will be able to prevent more terrorist attacks	35	29	20	13	3	[144]
There will be a terrorist attack using chemical or biological weapons in the United States in the near future	23	28	22	20	7	[146]
The United States will launch a major attack on Iraq in an effort to capture or kill Saddam Hussein	24	23	24	19	10	[145]

7. Do you think that combating terrorism is worth risking retaliation against the United States, or do you think that it is not worth risking retaliation?

Worth risking retaliation	89	[147]
Not worth risking retaliation	6	
Not sure	5	

8. Do you think that combating terrorism is worth risking civilian casualties in Afghanistan, or do you think that it is not worth risking civilian casualties?

Worth risking civilian casualties	78	[148]
Not worth risking civilian casualties	15	
Not sure	7	

9. Do you think that the United States should or should not take military action against a nation that knowingly aids terrorists or allows them to live in their country, if the country played no role in the September eleventh attacks?

	<u>10/7/01</u>	<u>9/15-16/01¹</u>	
Should take military action.....	81	75	[149]
Should not take military action.....	14	15	
Not sure	5	10	

¹ Previously, this question was phrased, "Do you think that the United States should or should not take military action against a nation that knowingly allowed the terrorists who are responsible for these attacks to live in their country, even if the country played no role in the attack?"

10. Iraqi President Saddam Hussein has harbored terrorists in the past. With this in mind, do you think that the United States should use military force and target Saddam Hussein and Iraq, or do you think that the United States should not use military force and target Saddam Hussein and Iraq?

Should use military force and target Saddam Hussein and Iraq.....	66	[150]
Should not use military force or target Saddam Hussein and Iraq.....	24	
Not sure.....	10	

11. Has the war on terrorism made you think that the United States' relations toward Israel should be closer, more distant, or stay the same?

	<u>10/7/01</u>	<u>9/15-16/01¹</u>	
Closer	30	33	[151]
More distant.....	13	16	
Stay the same.....	48	42	
Not sure	9	9	

¹ Previously, this question began, "Have Tuesday's events made you think that the United States' relations . . ."

FACTUALS: Now I am going to ask you a few questions for statistical purposes only.

F1. How old are you? (IF "REFUSED," ASK:) Well, would you tell me which age group you belong to?

18-24	9	50-54	11	[152-153]
25-29	7	55-59	9	
30-34	11	60-64	4	
35-39	9	65-69	6	
40-44	11	70-74	5	
45-49	11	75 and over	6	
		Refused	1	

F2. What is the last grade that you completed in school?

Grade school	1	[154-155]
Some high school	8	
High school graduate	27	
Some college, no degree	19	
Vocational training/2-year college	10	
4-year college/bachelor's degree	20	
Some postgraduate work, no degree	2	
2 or 3 years postgraduate work/master's degree	10	
Doctoral/law degree	2	
Not sure/refused	1	

F3. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Democrat, a Republican, an independent, or something else? (IF "DEMOCRAT" OR "REPUBLICAN," ASK:) Would you call yourself a strong (Democrat/Republican) or not a very strong (Democrat/Republican)? (IF "INDEPENDENT," ASK:) Do you think of yourself as closer to the Republican Party, closer to the Democratic Party, or do you think of yourself as strictly independent?

Strong Democrat	24	[156]
Not very strong Democrat	10	
Independent/lean Democrat	6	
Strictly independent	17	
Independent/lean Republican	7	
Not very strong Republican	9	
Strong Republican	19	
Other	5	
Not sure/nothing	3	

F4a. Are you from a Hispanic or Spanish-speaking background?

Yes	9	[157]
No	91	
Not sure/refused	-	

F4b. What is your race--white, black, Asian, or something else?

White	79	[158]
Black	10	
Asian	2	
Other	3	
Hispanic (VOL)	5	
Not sure/refused	1	

- F5. If you added together the yearly income of all the members of your family who were living at home last year, would the total be less than ten thousand dollars, between ten thousand dollars and twenty thousand dollars, between twenty thousand dollars and thirty thousand dollars, between thirty thousand dollars and forty thousand dollars, between forty thousand dollars and fifty thousand dollars, between fifty thousand dollars and seventy-five thousand dollars, between seventy-five thousand dollars and one hundred thousand dollars, or would the total be more than that?

Less than \$10,000	3	[159]
Between \$10,000 and \$20,000	8	
Between \$20,000 and \$30,000	11	
Between \$30,000 and \$40,000	11	
Between \$40,000 and \$50,000	10	
Between \$50,000 and \$75,000	16	
Between \$75,000 and \$100,000	13	
More than \$100,000	10	
Not sure/refused	18	