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 NBC News Terrorism Survey
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49	Male
51	Female

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

The margin of error for 618 interviews is $\pm 4.0\%$

Unless otherwise noted by a "+", all previous data shown reflects responses among all adults.

1. Would you say that Tuesday's attacks are more serious than, equal to, or not as serious as the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor in 1941?

More serious than Pearl Harbor	66
Equal to Pearl Harbor.....	25
Not as serious as Pearl Harbor	5
Not sure.....	4

2. In general, do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling the terrorist attacks against the United States in New York City and Washington, D.C.?

Approve.....	80
Disapprove.....	8
Not sure	12

3. Which one of the following emotions do you feel the most strongly in response to these terrorist attacks? **(IF "ALL/COMBINATION" ASK:)** Well, if you had to select just one, which emotion would come closest to describing how you feel?

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Anger	37
Sadness.....	24
Disbelief.....	21
Vulnerability	11
Fear	6
Not sure	1

4. Are you more concerned that the United States will overreact and go too far in its response to these attacks, or that the United States will underreact and not be strong enough in its response?

Overreact and go too far	18
Underreact and not be strong enough.....	50
Neither/depends (VOL)	25
Not sure.....	7

5. Do you believe that the United States should take forceful military action against the people who are responsible for these attacks, even if it means risking further retaliation and the threat of war?

Yes, should take forceful military action	83
No, should not take forceful military action.....	8
Not sure	9

6. Do you believe that these attacks represent a failure of the American intelligence and security systems, or do you believe that these attacks were beyond what is reasonable to expect the American intelligence and security systems to uncover?

Failure of intelligence system	41
Beyond what is reasonable to expect.....	49
Not sure.....	10

7. Do you think that these terrorist attacks will have a major effect, a minor effect, or no real effect on whether the country experiences an economic recession?

Major effect	47
Minor effect	32
No real effect.....	13
Not sure	8

8. How long do you believe it will be before the United States finds those who are responsible for these attacks and takes action against them--will it be within a week, within a month, will it be several months, or longer than that?

Within a week.....	18
Within a month.....	36
Several months	25
Longer than several months	13
Not sure	8

9. Do you think it is likely or unlikely that the United States will experience another terrorist attack by the same people responsible for the attacks in New York City and Washington, D.C.? (IF "LIKELY/UNLIKELY," ASK:) And do you think it is very (likely/unlikely) or just somewhat (likely/unlikely)?

Very likely.....	35
Somewhat likely	31
Somewhat unlikely	15
Very unlikely.....	12
Not sure	7

10. Will you or your family change the way you live--such as how or where you travel--because of concerns about terrorism?

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Yes, will change the way you live	35	21
No, will not change the way you live.....	64	78
Not sure	1	1

¹ In April 1995, this question was phrased, "Have you or your family changed the way you live--such as how or where you travel--because of concern about terrorism?"

11. I'd like to read you several possible responses by the United States to these attacks. For each one, please tell me whether you would strongly favor, somewhat favor, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose that response by the United States.

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	<u>Strongly Favor</u>	<u>Somewhat Favor</u>	<u>Somewhat Oppose</u>	<u>Strongly Oppose</u>	<u>Not Sure</u>
Work with our allies to combat, and over time, eliminate the terrorists responsible for these attacks	84	10	1	2	3
Launch air strikes against terrorists when they are identified and proven responsible for these attacks	77	11	4	5	3
Build a case against the people who are specifically responsible and seek justice in the world court.....	62	13	7	15	3
Take military action against any nation that allows the terrorists who are responsible for this attack to live and work in their country, even if that country was not involved in the attacks.....	57	15	9	12	7
Launch immediate air strikes against the strongholds of terrorists who are believed to be the most likely responsible for these attacks	51	14	14	16	5