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**Respondents' beliefs about how likely it is that there will soon be another terrorist attack in the United States**

United States, selected years 2001-2011

Question: "How likely is it that there will be further acts of terrorism in the United States over the next several weeks--very likely, somewhat likely, not too likely, or not at all likely?"

|                                | Very likely | Somewhat likely | Not too likely | Not at all likely | Don't know/refused |
|--------------------------------|-------------|-----------------|----------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| Sept. 21-22, 2001 <sup>a</sup> | 22%         | 44%             | 24%            | 8%                | 2%                 |
| Oct. 19-21, 2001 <sup>b</sup>  | 40          | 45              | 10             | 3                 | 2                  |
| Nov. 2-4, 2001 <sup>b</sup>    | 24          | 50              | 16             | 6                 | 4                  |
| September 2002                 | 12          | 48              | 28             | 9                 | 3                  |
| March 2003                     | 21          | 52              | 20             | 6                 | 1                  |
| May 2003                       | 12          | 45              | 32             | 8                 | 3                  |
| June 2005                      | 4           | 31              | 45             | 18                | 2                  |
| July 7-10, 2005                | 12          | 43              | 35             | 9                 | 1                  |
| July 22-24, 2005               | 12          | 45              | 32             | 10                | 1                  |
| July 2006                      | 10          | 36              | 42             | 10                | 2                  |
| August 2006                    | 9           | 41              | 38             | 10                | 2                  |
| June 2007                      | 9           | 31              | 41             | 16                | 2                  |
| July 2007                      | 10          | 37              | 40             | 11                | 2                  |
| November 2009                  | 10          | 29              | 36             | 21                | 3                  |
| August 2011                    | 7           | 31              | 42             | 18                | 1                  |

Note: Sample sizes vary from year to year; the data for 2011 are based on telephone interviews with a randomly selected national sample of 1,008 adults, 18 years of age and older, conducted Aug. 11-14, 2011. For a discussion of public opinion survey sampling procedures, see [Appendix 5](#).

<sup>a</sup>The wording of the question for this poll was: "How likely is it that there will be further terrorist attacks in the United States over the next several weeks--very likely, somewhat likely, not too likely, or not at all likely?"

<sup>b</sup>Asked of a half sample.

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