

Table 2.16.2011

Reported confidence in the U.S. Government to protect citizens from terrorist attack

United States, selected years 2002-2011

Question: "How much confidence do you have in the U.S. government to protect its citizens from future terrorist attacks--a great deal, a fair amount, not very much, or none at all?"

	Great deal	Fair amount	Not very much	None at all
March 2002	24%	58%	15%	2%
May 2002	22	54	18	5
June 2002	27	49	17	5
September 2002	24	56	16	3
February 2003	29	53	14	4
August 2003	23	53	19	5
January 2004	31	50	15	4
April 2004	28	50	15	6
August 2006 ^a	16	57	23	4
August 2011 ^b	22	53	18	6

Note: Sample sizes vary from year to year; the data for August 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. The "don't know/refused" category has been omitted; therefore percents may not sum to 100. For a discussion of public opinion survey sampling procedures, see [Appendix 5](#).

^aAsked of a half sample.

^bThe wording of the question for this poll was: "How much confidence do you have in the U.S. government to protect its citizens from future acts of terrorism--a great deal, a fair amount, not very much, or none at all?"

Source: Gallup, Inc., *The Gallup Poll* [Online]. Available:

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