

Table 2.31

Respondents reporting whether they think it will be necessary to give up some civil liberties to curb terrorism in the United States

United States, selected years 1996-2003

Question: "In order to curb terrorism in this country, do you think it will be necessary for the average person to give up some civil liberties, or not?"

| | Yes, it will be necessary | No, it will not be necessary | Don't know/ refused |
|--------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1996 | 30% | 65% | 5% |
| 1997 | 29 | 62 | 9 |
| Mid-September 2001 | 55 | 35 | 10 |
| January 2002 | 55 | 39 | 6 |
| June 2002 | 49 | 45 | 6 |
| 2003 | 44 | 50 | 6 |

Note: See Note, [table 2.30](#). For a discussion of public opinion survey sampling procedures, see [Appendix 5](#).

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