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Attitudes toward whether certain civil rights should be extended to persons sympathetic to terrorists

United States, selected years 2003-2012

Question: "For each statement, please tell me if you completely agree with it, mostly agree with it, mostly disagree with it or completely disagree with it."

Statement	Completely agree	Mostly agree	Mostly disagree	Completely disagree	Don't know
"Freedom of speech should not extend to groups that are sympathetic to terrorists."					
2003	24%	21%	29%	21%	5%
2007	23	22	30	20	5
2009	29	20	24	21	6
2012	28	21	25	22	4
"The police should be allowed to search the houses of people who might be sympathetic to terrorists without a court order."					
2003	17	16	29	36	2
2007	17	20	27	34	2
2009	19	14	27	37	3
2012	20	15	27	37	1

Note: Sample sizes vary from year to year; the data for 2012 are based on telephone interviews with a randomly selected national sample of 1,546 adults, 18 years of age and older, conducted Apr. 4-15, 2012. For a discussion of public opinion survey sampling procedures, see [Appendix 5](#).

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