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Attitudes toward perceived threats to the United States

United States, 2010

Question: "How serious a threat to the future wellbeing of the United States do you consider each of the following-- extremely serious, very serious, somewhat serious, not very serious, or not a threat at all?"

	Extremely serious	Very serious	Somewhat serious	Not very serious	Not a threat at all
Terrorism	40%	39%	16%	3%	2%
Federal government debt	40	39	15	4	1
Healthcare costs	37	42	16	3	2
Unemployment	33	50	15	1	1
Illegal immigration	29	34	21	11	5
Size and power of the Federal government	29	32	23	9	6
Decision to have U.S. troops in combat in Iraq and Afghanistan	26	40	22	5	4
Environment, including global warming	21	30	25	12	12
Size and power of large corporations	21	31	29	11	7
Discrimination against minority groups	17	29	29	16	8

Note: The data for 2010 are based on telephone interviews with a randomly selected national sample of 1,049 adults, 18 years of age and older, conducted May 24-25, 2010. The "don't know/refused" category and a volunteered category that includes respondents who reported that the question does not apply have been omitted; therefore, percents may not sum to 100. For a discussion of public opinion survey sampling procedures, see [Appendix 5](#).

Source: Gallup, Inc., *The Gallup Poll* [Online]. Available: <http://www.gallup.com/poll/139385/Federal-Debt-Terrorism-Considered-Top-Threats.aspx> [July 12, 2010]. Table adapted by SOURCEBOOK staff. Reprinted by permission.