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Respondents reporting concern about the U.S. Government's anti-terrorism policies

United States, selected years 2004-2010^a

Question: "What concerns you more about the government's anti-terrorism policies: that they gone too far in restricting the average person's civil liberties or that they have not gone far enough to adequately protect the country?"

	Have gone too far in restricting civil liberties	Have not gone far enough to protect country	Both/neither/ approve of policies	Don't know/refused
2004	29%	49%	11%	11%
2005 July	31	52	10	7
2005 October	34	48	10	8
2006 January	33	46	12	9
2006 February	33	50	10	7
2006 August	26	55	11	8
2008	36	47	9	8
2009 February ^b	36	42	9	13
2009 November	36	40	13	11
2010 January	27	58	8	8
2010 October	32	47	11	10

Note: Sample sizes vary from year to year; the data for October 2010 are based on telephone interviews with a randomly selected national sample of 1,141 adults, 18 years of age and older, conducted Oct. 13-18, 2010. For a discussion of public opinion survey sampling procedures, see [Appendix 5](#).

^aPercents may not add to 100 because of rounding.

^bIn Feb. 4-8, 2009 the question asked whether the policies "go too far in restricting the average person's civil liberties" or "do not go far enough to adequately protect the country."

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