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OSAMA BIN LADEN KILLING REACTION

-- FINAL TOPLINE --

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Results are based on telephone interviews conducted May 2, 2011 with a random sample of 645—adults, aged 18+, living in all 50 U.S. states and the District of Columbia.

For results based on the total sample of national adults, one can say with 95% confidence that the margin of error is ±5 percentage points.

Interviews are conducted with respondents on landline telephones and cellular phones. Each sample includes a minimum quota of 240 cell phone respondents and 360 landline respondents, with additional minimum quotas among landline respondents for gender within region. Landline numbers are chosen at random among listed telephone numbers, cell phone numbers are selected using random-digit dial methods. Landline respondents are chosen within each household on the basis of the youngest male or oldest female at home.

Samples are weighted by gender, age, race, education, region, adults in the household, and phone status (cell phone only/landline only/both, having an unlisted landline number, and being cell phone mostly). Demographic weighting targets are based on the March 2010 Current Population Survey figures for the age 18+ non-institutionalized population living in U.S. telephone households. All reported margins of sampling error include the computed design effects for weighting and sample design.

In addition to sampling error, question wording and practical difficulties in conducting surveys can introduce error or bias into the findings of public opinion polls.

Polls conducted entirely in one day, such as this one, are subject to additional error or bias not found in polls conducted over several days.

2. Do you approve or disapprove of the U.S. military action that killed Osama bin Laden?

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2011 May 2	93	5	3

3. How important do you think it is to the U.S. that Osama bin Laden was killed – extremely important, very important, somewhat important, not too important, or not at all important?

	<u>Extremely</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Some- what</u>	<u>Not too</u>	<u>Not at all</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2011 May 2	45	34	15	4	1	1

For comparison: *How important do you think it is to the U.S. that Osama bin Laden be captured or killed – extremely important, very important, somewhat important, not too important, or not at all important?*

	<u>Extremely</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Some- what</u>	<u>Not too</u>	<u>Not at all</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2006 Jun 9-11	36	28	22	8	5	1
2005 Aug 5-7	37	26	24	7	5	1
2004 Sep 3-5 ^	37	31	22	6	3	1

^ Asked of a half sample.

4. Do you think it would have been better for the U.S. to – [capture Osama bin Laden alive, (or to) kill Osama bin Laden]?

	<u>Capture</u>	<u>Kill</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2011 May 2	33	60	7

5. Prior to hearing the news that Osama bin Laden was killed, did you think it was likely or unlikely that the U.S. would ever capture or kill bin Laden?

	<u>Likely</u>	<u>Unlikely</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2011 May 2	57	40	3

9. How much credit do you give each of the following for the actions that led to the U.S. finding and killing Osama bin Laden – a great deal, a moderate amount, not much, or none at all? How about— [RANDOM ORDER]?

<i>2011 May 2 (sorted by "great deal/moderate amount)</i>	Great deal	Moderate amount	Great deal/ Moderate amount	Not much/ None at all
The U.S. military	89	9	98	2
The CIA	62	26	88	6
Barack Obama	35	36	71	28
George W. Bush	22	30	52	47

FULL RESULTS:

A. Barack Obama

	<u>Great deal</u>	<u>Moderate amount</u>	<u>Not much</u>	<u>None at all</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2011 May 2	35	36	16	12	1

Q.9 (CREDIT FOR FINDING AND KILLING BIN LADEN) CONTINUED

B. George W. Bush

	<u>Great deal</u>	<u>Moderate amount</u>	<u>Not much</u>	<u>None at all</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2011 May 2	22	30	22	25	2

C. The CIA

	<u>Great deal</u>	<u>Moderate amount</u>	<u>Not much</u>	<u>None at all</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2011 May 2	62	26	4	2	6

D. The U.S. military

	<u>Great deal</u>	<u>Moderate amount</u>	<u>Not much</u>	<u>None at all</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2011 May 2	89	9	1	1	1