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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.

1. How likely is it that there will be acts of terrorism in the United States over the next several weeks -- very likely, somewhat likely, not too likely, or not at all likely?

	<u>Very likely</u>	<u>Somewhat likely</u>	<u>Not too likely</u>	<u>Not at all likely</u>	<u>No opinion</u>	<i>Total likely</i>
2011 May 2 †	17	45	27	8	3	62
2009 Nov 20-22	10	29	36	21	3	39
2007 Jul 6-8	10	37	40	11	2	47
2007 Jun 11-14	9	31	41	16	2	40
2006 Aug 18-20	9	41	38	10	2	50
2006 Jul 21-23	10	36	42	10	2	46
2006 Jan 20-22 ^	14	35	38	11	2	49
2005 Jul 22-24	12	45	32	10	1	57
2005 Jul 7-10	12	43	35	9	1	55
2005 Jun 16-19	4	31	45	18	2	35
2005 Jan 7-9 ^	8	31	44	15	2	39
2004 Dec 17-19 ^	10	38	39	12	1	48
2004 Jul 19-21 ^	12	39	34	11	4	51
2004 Jan 9-11 ^	7	39	36	16	2	46
2003 Aug 25-26 ^	10	44	35	10	1	54
2003 Jul 18-20 ^	7	33	41	16	3	40
2003 May 19-21	12	45	32	8	3	57
2003 Mar 22-23	21	52	20	6	1	73
2003 Feb 7-9 ^	16	50	23	9	2	66
2002 Sep 13-16 ^	12	44	31	10	3	56
2002 Sep 2-4	12	48	28	9	3	60
2002 Jul 5-8 ^	15	41	30	12	2	56
2002 May 20-22 ^	21	44	25	7	3	65
2002 Mar 8-9 ^	9	43	32	13	3	52
2001 Dec 14-16 ^	17	45	27	8	3	62
2001 Nov 2-4 ^	24	50	16	6	4	74
2001 Oct 19-21 ^	40	45	10	3	2	85
2001 Oct 7 † ‡	41	42	9	4	4	83
2001 Sep 21-22 ‡	22	44	24	8	2	66

^ Asked of a half sample.

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‡ WORDING: How likely is it that there will be further terrorist attacks in the United States over the next several weeks -- very likely, somewhat likely, not too likely, or not at all likely?

6. Do you think the death of Osama bin Laden will make the U.S. safer or less safe from terrorism?

	<u>Safer</u>	<u>Less safe</u>	No difference (vol.)	<u>No opinion</u>
2011 May 2	54	28	12	6

Q.7/8 ROTATED

7. Does the death of Osama bin Laden make you more confident that the U.S. can succeed in the war against Islamic terrorism, or not? **[IF YES, PROBE: Does it make you a lot more confident or only a little more confident?]**

	Yes, a lot more <u>confident</u>	Yes, a little more <u>confident</u>	No, not more <u>confident</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2011 May 2	39	34	23	4

8. Does the death of Osama bin Laden make you more confident in Barack Obama as commander-in-chief, or not? **[IF YES, PROBE: Does it make you a lot more confident or only a little more confident?]**

	Yes, a lot more <u>confident</u>	Yes, a little more <u>confident</u>	No, not more <u>confident</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2011 May 2	32	21	43	4

10. Which comes closer to your view –[ROTATED: the U.S. has accomplished its mission in Afghanistan and should bring its troops home, (or) the U.S. still has important work to do in Afghanistan and should maintain its troops there]?

	Has accomplished <u>mission</u>	Still has important <u>work to do</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2011 May 2	45	52	3