

<p>Human Rights (New Poll Results Since Last Revision of Online Analysis)</p>

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Human Rights in General

(Please tell me whether you agree or disagree with each of the following statements.)...Governments should make sure human rights are protected for everyone. (If Agree/Disagree, ask:) Is that strongly or somewhat?

Subpopulation/Note: * = less than .5%.

77% Strongly agree
17 Somewhat agree
2 Somewhat disagree
3 Strongly disagree
* Don't know/Refused

Organization: The Opportunity Agenda
Date: June 20-July 8, 2007

(Please tell me whether you agree or disagree with each of the following statements.)...Governments should make sure human rights are provided for everyone. (If Agree/Disagree, ask:) Is that strongly or somewhat?

69% Strongly agree
21 Somewhat agree
5 Somewhat disagree
4 Strongly disagree
1 Don't know/Refused

Organization: The Opportunity Agenda
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(Please tell me whether you agree or disagree with each of the following statements.)...When the police stop and search people solely based on their race or ethnicity they are violating their human rights. (If Agree/Disagree, ask:) Is that strongly or somewhat?

Subpopulation/Note: * = less than .5%.

70% Strongly agree

- 14 Somewhat agree
- 7 Somewhat disagree
- 8 Strongly disagree
- * Don't know/Refused

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(How important is each of the following to you personally as a reason for why we should do more to uphold human rights in the US (United States)? Use a scale of one to ten where one means not at all important and 10 means it is extremely important to you personally.)...Because it is better for everyone to live in a society that pays attention to human rights, rather than one that ignores human rights.

Subpopulation/Note: * = less than .5%.

- 7% 1-5-Not important
- 11 6-7
- 23 8-9
- 58 10-Extremely important
- * Don't know/Refused

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(How important is each of the following to you personally as a reason for why we should do more to uphold human rights in the US (United States)? Use a scale of one to ten where one means not at all important and 10 means it is extremely important to you personally.)...Because America was founded on Thomas Jefferson's belief that we all have rights that no government should take away.

Subpopulation/Note: * = less than .5%.

- 10% 1-5-Not important
- 10 6-7
- 23 8-9
- 58 10-Extremely important
- * Don't know/Refused

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(How important is each of the following to you personally as a reason for why we should do more to uphold human rights in the US (United States)? Use a scale of one to ten where one means not at all important and 10 means it is extremely important to you personally.)...Because in 1948 the US helped to write and along with other countries around the world signed a document called the Universal Declaration of Human Rights that outlines a full set of human rights and freedoms for people everywhere.

23% 1-5-Not important
17 6-7
23 8-9
34 10-Extremely important
2 Don't know/Refused

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(How important is each of the following to you personally as a reason for why we should do more to uphold human rights in the US (United States)? Use a scale of one to ten where one means not at all important and 10 means it is extremely important to you personally.)...Because respecting human rights follows the will of God.

23% 1-5-Not important
9 6-7
14 8-9
53 10-Extremely important
1 Don't know/Refused

Organization: The Opportunity Agenda
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Now, I would like you to tell me if you think each of the following should be a human right that should be protected or should not be considered a human right. Should...equal opportunities regardless of race be considered a human right or not? (If Should, ask:) Do you feel that way strongly or somewhat?

Subpopulation/Note: * = less than .5%.

85% Strongly should be human right
9 Somewhat should be human right
5 Should not be human right
* Don't know/Refused

Organization: The Opportunity Agenda
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(Now, I would like you to tell me if you think each of the following should be a human right that should be protected or should not be considered a human right.) Should...equal opportunities regardless of whether you are male or female be considered a human right or not? (If Should, ask:) Do you feel that way strongly or somewhat?

86% Strongly should be human right
9 Somewhat should be human right
5 Should not be human right

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(Now, I would like you to tell me if you think each of the following should be a human right that should be protected or should not be considered a human right.) Should...equal opportunities regardless of whether you are gay or a lesbian be considered a human right or not? (If Should, ask:) Do you feel that way strongly or somewhat?

57% Strongly should be human right
22 Somewhat should be human right
19 Should not be human right
2 Don't know/Refused

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(Now, I would like you to tell me if you think each of the following should be a human right that should be protected or should not be considered a human right.) Should...keeping personal behavior and choices private be considered a human right or not? (If Should, ask:) Do you feel that way strongly or somewhat?

60% Strongly should be human right
26 Somewhat should be human right
12 Should not be human right
1 Don't know/Refused

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(Now, I would like you to tell me if you think each of the following should be a human right that should be protected or should not be considered a human right.) Should...being treated fairly in

the criminal justice system if accused of a crime be considered a human right or not? (If Should, ask:) Do you feel that way strongly or somewhat?

83% Strongly should be human right
12 Somewhat should be human right
4 Should not be human right
1 Don't know/Refused

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(Now, I would like you to tell me if you think each of the following should be a human right that should be protected or should not be considered a human right.) Should...living in a clean environment be considered a human right or not? (If Should, ask:) Do you feel that way strongly or somewhat?

Subpopulation/Note: * = less than .5%.

68% Strongly should be human right
17 Somewhat should be human right
15 Should not be human right
* Don't know/Refused

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(Now, I would like you to tell me if you think each of the following should be a human right that should be protected or should not be considered a human right.) Should...access to healthcare be considered a human right or not? (If Should, ask:) Do you feel that way strongly or somewhat?

72% Strongly should be human right
17 Somewhat should be human right
11 Should not be human right
1 Don't know/Refused

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(Now, I would like you to tell me if you think each of the following should be a human right that should be protected or should not be considered a human right.) Should...equal access to quality public education be considered a human right or not? (If Should, ask:) Do you feel that way strongly or somewhat?

82% Strongly should be human right
11 Somewhat should be human right
6 Should not be human right
* Don't know/Refused

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(Now, I would like you to tell me if you think each of the following should be a human right that should be protected or should not be considered a human right.) Should...ensuring economic opportunity be considered a human right or not? (If Should, ask:) Do you feel that way strongly or somewhat?

47% Strongly should be human right
30 Somewhat should be human right
22 Should not be human right
1 Don't know/Refused

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(Now, I would like you to tell me if you think each of the following should be a human right that should be protected or should not be considered a human right.) Should...adequate housing be considered a human right or not? (If Should, ask:) Do you feel that way strongly or somewhat?

51% Strongly should be human right
26 Somewhat should be human right
22 Should not be human right
1 Don't know/Refused

Organization: The Opportunity Agenda
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(Now, I would like you to tell me if you think each of the following should be a human right that should be protected or should not be considered a human right.) Should...freedom from discrimination be considered a human right or not? (If Should, ask:) Do you feel that way strongly or somewhat?

Subpopulation/Note: * = less than .5%.

83% Strongly should be human right
11 Somewhat should be human right
6 Should not be human right

* Don't know/Refused

Organization: The Opportunity Agenda

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(Now, I would like you to tell me if you think each of the following should be a human right that should be protected or should not be considered a human right.) Should...the right to have an abortion be considered a human right or not? (If Should, ask:) Do you feel that way strongly or somewhat?

40% Strongly should be human right
24 Somewhat should be human right
35 Should not be human right
2 Don't know/Refused

Organization: The Opportunity Agenda

Date: June 20-July 8, 2007

(Now, I would like you to tell me if you think each of the following should be a human right that should be protected or should not be considered a human right.) Should...freedom from extreme poverty be considered a human right or not? (If Should, ask:) Do you feel that way strongly or somewhat?

52% Strongly should be human right
26 Somewhat should be human right
20 Should not be human right
2 Don't know/Refused

Organization: The Opportunity Agenda

Date: June 20-July 8, 2007

(Now, I would like you to tell me if you think each of the following should be a human right that should be protected or should not be considered a human right.) Should...fair pay for workers to meet the basic needs for food and housing be considered a human right or not? (If Should, ask:) Do you feel that way strongly or somewhat?

68% Strongly should be human right
19 Somewhat should be human right
12 Should not be human right
1 Don't know/Refused

Organization: The Opportunity Agenda

Date: June 20-July 8, 2007

(Please tell me whether you agree or disagree with each of the following statements.)...Lack of quality education for children in poor communities is a violation of the human right to education. (If Agree/Disagree, ask:) Is that strongly or somewhat?

62% Strongly agree
19 Somewhat agree
10 Somewhat disagree
8 Strongly disagree
1 Don't know/Refused

Organization: The Opportunity Agenda
Date: June 20-July 8, 2007

(Now I'm going to read you some possible human rights. For each one please tell me whether you think it is a right that should be guaranteed to every human being and never violated, a right that may be desirable but that can be violated under certain circumstances, or not really a right at all.)...A guaranteed minimum standard of living? (Probe:) Is that a right that should be guaranteed to everyone and never violated, a right that can be violated under certain circumstances, or not really a right at all?

65% Guaranteed and never violated
19 Can be violated under some circumstances
13 Not really a right at all
3 Don't know
1 Refused

Organization: Lyle Scruggs and Shareen Hertel
Date: November 15-November 27, 2006

(Now I'm going to read you some possible human rights. For each one please tell me whether you think it is a right that should be guaranteed to every human being and never violated, a right that may be desirable but that can be violated under certain circumstances, or not really a right at all.)...Freedom of thought and expression? (Probe:) Is that a right that should be guaranteed to everyone and never violated, a right that can be violated under certain circumstances, or not really a right at all?

71% Guaranteed and never violated
24 Can be violated under some circumstances
3 Not really a right at all
2 Don't know

Organization: Lyle Scruggs and Shareen Hertel

Date: November 15-November 27, 2006

Please rate your feelings toward some international organizations, with one hundred meaning a very warm, favorable feeling, zero meaning a very cold, unfavorable feeling, and fifty meaning not particularly warm or cold. You can use any number from zero to one hundred, the higher the number the more favorable your feelings are toward those organizations. If you have no opinion or have never heard of that organization, leave the box blank and move on to the next question.

...International Human Rights Groups.

<u>Year</u>	Mean	Median	100-76 degrees	75-51 degrees	50 degrees	49-31 degrees	30-0 degrees	Not familiar / Decline	Total
2002	63°	68°	31	24	18	4	15	8	100
2004	57°	60°	20	22	18	4	16	20	100
2006	56°	55°	23	19	19	5	17	18	100
Change in % points 2004- 2006	-1°	-5°	3	-3	1	1	1	-2	

Organization: Chicago Council on Foreign Relations

Date: As noted

[3/4 SAMPLE A,B,C]

Do you think there should or should not be an international body, such as a court, to judge whether countries are abiding by the human rights standards of the treaties?

Should.....79%
Should not.....17
(No Answer).....5

Organization: Program On International Policy Attitudes, University of Maryland/Knowledge Networks

Date: April 18-24, 2006

Human Rights and the UN System

(Please tell me whether you agree or disagree with each of the following statements.)...The United Nations is not an effective enforcer of human rights around the world. (If Agree/Disagree, ask:) Is that strongly or somewhat?

- 37% Strongly agree
- 30 Somewhat agree
- 20 Somewhat disagree
- 10 Strongly disagree
- 3 Don't know/Refused

Organization: The Opportunity Agenda

Date: June 20-July 8, 2007

Thinking about specific steps that could be taken to strengthen the UN (United Nations), here are some options that have been proposed. For each one, select if you would favor or oppose this step.

Giving the UN the authority to go into countries in order to investigate violations of human rights

- 75% Favor
- 22 Oppose
- 3 Not sure/Decline

Organization: Chicago Council on Foreign Relations

Date: July 2006

Do you think that the UN Security Council should or should not have the right to authorize the use of military force for each of the following purposes:

To prevent severe human rights violations such as genocide

(N=1,227)

	Should (%)	Should not (%)	Not sure/Decline (%)	Total (%)
<u>Year</u>				
2004 (internet)	85	9	6	100
2006 (internet)	83	13	4	100
Change in % points 2004-2006	-2	4	-2	

Organization: Chicago Council on Foreign Relations

Date: July 2006

Some people say that the UN Security Council has the responsibility to authorize the use of military force to protect people from severe human rights violations such as genocide, even against the will of their own government. Others say that the UN Security Council does not have such a responsibility. Do you think that the UN Security Council does or does not have this responsibility?

72% Has this responsibility
 22 Does not have this responsibility
 4 Not sure/Decline

Organization: Chicago Council on Foreign Relations

Date: July 2006

Promoting International Human Rights (US Foreign Policy)

(What grade would you give the United States when it comes to achieving the following goals?)...Living up to our ideals of human rights and justice in the way we conduct our foreign policy

	A	B	C	D	F	Don't Know
Jun 2005	15	29	29	12	10	5
Jan 2006	14	31	27	11	10	7
Sep 2006	13	27	29	13	11	6
Feb 2007	11	27	29	12	13	8
Sep 2007	12	24	32	13	13	6
Mar 2008	14	26	31	12	10	6

Organization: Public Agenda Foundation

Date: As noted

(Please tell me whether you agree or disagree with each of the following statements.)...The United States does a better job than most countries when it comes to protecting human rights. (If Agree/Disagree, ask:) Is that strongly or somewhat?

50% Strongly agree
 30 Somewhat agree
 10 Somewhat disagree
 8 Strongly disagree
 2 Don't know/Refused

Organization: The Opportunity Agenda

Date: June 20-July 8, 2007

(Please tell me whether you agree or disagree with each of the following statements.)...The US (United States) should not sign on and follow international human rights treaties because it would violate our sovereignty and our government's right to protect our interests. (If Agree/Disagree, ask:) Is that strongly or somewhat?

22% Strongly agree
24 Somewhat agree
26 Somewhat disagree
23 Strongly disagree
6 Don't know/Refused

Organization: The Opportunity Agenda

Date: June 20-July 8, 2007

(Please tell me whether you agree or disagree with each of the following statements.)...People in the US (United States) should not try to interpret and enforce human rights for people living in other countries. (If Agree/Disagree, ask:) Is that strongly or somewhat?

Subpopulation/Note: Asked of Form B half sample

38% Strongly agree
26 Somewhat agree
21 Somewhat disagree
14 Strongly disagree
1 Don't know/Refused

Organization: The Opportunity Agenda

Date: June 20-July 8, 2007

As you know, the government has many responsibilities and deals with many high-priority issues. Thinking about everything we've discussed, which one of the following statements comes closest to your point of view regarding how we should approach the issue of human rights in this country?...Compared to other challenges facing the country, do you feel we should move aggressively, putting human rights near the top of the list, move cautiously, trying to make regular progress on human rights problems, move slowly, dealing with specific human rights problems one at a time, or should we simply allow solutions to human rights problems to evolve naturally?

Subpopulation/Note: * = less than .5%.

27% Move aggressively

- 50 Move cautiously
- 14 Move slowly
- 9 Evolve naturally
- * Don't know/Refused

Organization: The Opportunity Agenda
 Date: June 20-July 8, 2007

I am going to read (2006: Below is) a list of possible foreign policy goals that the United States might have. For each one please say whether you think that it should be a very important foreign policy goal of the United States, a somewhat important foreign policy goal, or not an important goal at all.

Promoting and defending human rights in other countries

	Very important	Somewhat important	Not important	Not sure/ Decline	Total
	%	%	%	%	%
1974	na	na	na	na	na
1978	39	40	14	7	100
1982	43	42	9	6	100
1986	42	45	9	4	100
1990	58	33	6	3	100
1994	34	49	13	4	100
1998	39	47	10	4	100
2002	47	43	10	--	100
2006	28	58	13	1	100

* Summary: U.S. Foreign Policy Goals - 2006 data only

Raking of U.S. Foreign Policy Goals (by Very Important)

(N=1,227)

<u>Goal</u>	Very important (%)	Somewhat important (%)	Not important (%)	Not sure/ Decline (%)	Total (%)
Protecting the jobs of American workers	76	20	3	2	100

Preventing the spread of nuclear weapons	74	22	2	2	100
Combating international terrorism	72	25	2	1	100
Securing adequate supplies of energy	72	25	2	2	100
Promoting economic growth	62	34	2	2	100
Controlling and reducing illegal immigration	58	34	7	1	100
Maintaining superior military power worldwide	55	36	7	2	100
Improving the global environment	54	39	5	2	100
Combating world hunger	48	43	8	1	100
Strengthening the United Nations	40	39	19	2	100
Promoting and defending human rights in other countries	28	58	13	1	100
Protecting weaker nations against foreign aggression	22	65	11	2	100
Helping to improve the standard of living of less developed nations	22	60	17	2	100
Helping to bring a democratic form of government to other nations	17	57	24	2	100

Organization: Chicago Council on Foreign Relations

Date: As noted

Please tell me whether you think that, in the area of advancing human rights in other countries, the United States does:

A very good job.....	14%
A good job.....	58
A bad job.....	21
A very bad job.....	5
(No Answer).....	3

Organization: Program On International Policy Attitudes, University of Maryland/Knowledge Networks

Date: June 27-July 2, 2006

[HALF SAMPLE C,D]

A permanent International Criminal Court has been established by the UN (United Nations) to try individuals suspected of war crimes, genocide, and crimes against humanity. Some say the U.S. (United States) should not support the Court because trumped-up charges may be brought against Americans, for example, US soldiers who use force in the course of a peacekeeping operation. Others say that the U.S. should support the court because the world needs a better way to prosecute war criminals, many of whom go unpunished today. Do you think the U.S. should or should not support the permanent international criminal court?

	4/06	CCFR 6/02
Should.....	68%	65%
Should not.....	29	28
(No Answer).....	3	7

Organization: Program On International Policy Attitudes, University of Maryland/Knowledge Networks

Date: April 18-24, 2006

[HALF SAMPLE A,B]

Do you think the U.S. should or should not participate in the International Criminal Court that can try individuals for war crimes, genocide, or crimes against humanity if their own country won't try them?

	4/06	CCFR '04	CCFR '02
Should participate.....	74%	76%	71%
Should not participate.....	21	19	22
(No Answer).....	5	5	7

Organization: Program On International Policy Attitudes, University of Maryland/Knowledge Networks

Date: April 18-24, 2006

[FULL SAMPLE]

STATEMENT: As you may know, the US and other countries have signed a number of treaties that establish standards for protecting the human rights of their citizens.

[3/4 SAMPLE A,C,D]

As a general rule, do you approve or disapprove of the US being part of such treaties?

Approve.....	86%
Disapprove.....	10
(No Answer).....	4

Organization: Program On International Policy Attitudes, University of Maryland/Knowledge Networks

Date: April 18-24, 2006

(Let's imagine an authoritarian regime in which there is no political or religious freedom. To help democracy, would you support the following actions by the United States?)...Supporting independent groups such as trade unions, human rights associations and religious groups

71% Yes

24 No

1 I don't think it is the role
of the United States to help establish democracy
in other countries (Vol.)

5 Don't know/Refused

Organization: German Marshall Fund/Leger Marketing of Montreal

Date: June 6-June 24, 2006

Detainees, Terrorists, Torture, etc

Torture and HR (general)

(Now, I would like you to tell me if you think each of the following should be a human right that should be protected or should not be considered a human right.) Should...freedom from torture or abuse by law enforcement be considered a human right or not? (If Should, ask:) Do you feel that way strongly or somewhat?

Subpopulation/Note: * = less than .5%.

83% Strongly should be human right

8 Somewhat should be human right

8 Should not be human right

* Don't know/Refused

Organization: The Opportunity Agenda

Date: June 20-July 8, 2007

Now I'm going to read you some possible human rights. For each one please tell me whether you think it is a right that should be guaranteed to every human being and never violated, a right that may be desirable but that can be violated under certain circumstances, or not really a right at all....Freedom from physical and mental torture? (Probe:) Is that a right that should be guaranteed to everyone and never violated, a right that can be violated under certain circumstances, or not really a right at all?

71% Guaranteed and never violated

- 21 Can be violated under some circumstances
- 6 Not really a right at all
- 2 Don't know

Organization: Lyle Scruggs and Shareen Hertel
Date: November 15-November 27, 2006

Terrorists, detainees, and torture (general)

(Please tell me whether you agree or disagree with each of the following statements.)...The US (United States) torturing prisoners suspected of terrorism is a violation of the prisoners' human rights. (If Agree/Disagree, ask:) Is that strongly or somewhat?

- 43% Strongly agree
- 24 Somewhat agree
- 12 Somewhat disagree
- 19 Strongly disagree
- 2 Don't know/Refused

Organization: The Opportunity Agenda
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[FULL SAMPLE]

Q24. STATEMENT: As you know there is much discussion about how much priority the US government should give to various approaches to improving US and global security. Here is a list of some approaches that the US government is trying, at least to some extent. For each one please indicate if you would like your member of Congress to get the US government to increase or decrease the priority it places on each approach. Please answer on a scale of +5 to -5, with +5 meaning that you think it should be given a much higher priority than it has now, -5 meaning that it should be given a much lower priority or not done at all, and 0 meaning that it should be given the same priority it has now.

[RANDOMLY PRESENT – EACH RESPONDENT SHOULD RECEIVE 3/4 OF Q20a-q]

q. Rough interrogation techniques to inflict pain on detainees who might have useful information about terrorist groups

- 34% -5 to -1
- 24 0
- 37 +1 to +5
- Mean - .01

Organization: Program On International Policy Attitudes, University of Maryland/Knowledge Networks
Date: October 6-October 15, 2006

Most countries have agreed to rules that prohibit torturing prisoners. Which position is closer to yours?...Terrorists pose such an extreme threat that governments should now be allowed to use some degree of torture if it may gain information that saves innocent lives. Clear rules against torture should be maintained because any use of torture is immoral and will weaken international human rights standards against torture.

- 36% Terrorists pose such an extreme threat that governments should now be allowed to use some degree of torture if it may gain information that saves innocent lives
- 58 Clear rules against torture should be maintained because any use of torture is immoral and will weaken international human rights standards against torture
- 4 Neither/Depends (Vol.)
- 3 Don't know/No answer

Organization: BBC World Service/ Program On International Policy Attitudes, University of Maryland
Date: June 8-June 27, 2006

As you may know, the US has signed treaties that prohibit governments from holding people in secret and that require that the International Committee of the Red Cross to have access to them. Do you think that these treaties are

- Important for making sure governments treat people humanely.....73%
- Too restrictive because our government needs to have all options available when dealing with threats like terrorism.....23%
- (No Answer).....4%

Organization: Program On International Policy Attitudes, University of Maryland/Knowledge Networks
Date: June 27-July 2, 2006

[HALF SAMPLE A,B]

Suppose the US has detained an individual in Afghanistan who is not suspected of having any involvement in terrorism, but the US suspects this person might have useful information about a terrorist group. Suppose, when asked, he denies having such information. Do you think the US does or does not have the right to put this person in prison indefinitely as a way of putting pressure on him to talk?

- Does have the right.....37%
- Does not have the right.....58

(No Answer).....6

[IF DOES HAVE RIGHT]

Do you think that other countries do or do not have the right to imprison an American citizen who is not suspected of having any involvement in terrorism, but who they suspect might have useful information about a terrorist group?

Do have the right.....26%* Percent of total
Do not have the right.....10
(No Answer).....0

Organization: Program On International Policy Attitudes, University of Maryland/Knowledge Networks

Date: June 27-July 2, 2006

[HALF SAMPLE C,D]

Suppose the US has detained an American citizen who is not suspected of having any involvement in terrorism, but the US suspects this person might have useful information about a terrorist group. Suppose, when asked, he denies having such information. Do you think the US does or does not have the right to put this person in prison indefinitely as a way of putting pressure on him to talk?

Does have the right.....34%
Does not have the right.....63
(No Answer).....3

[IF DOES HAVE RIGHT]

Do you think that other countries do or do not have the right to imprison an American citizen who is not suspected of having any involvement in terrorism, but who they suspect might have useful information about a terrorist group?

Do have the right.....25%† Percent of total
Do not have the right.....9
(No Answer).....0

Organization: Program On International Policy Attitudes, University of Maryland/Knowledge Networks

Date: June 27-July 2, 2006

[FULL SAMPLE]

Do you think that the US does or does not imprison people who are not suspected of having any involvement in terrorism, but who it suspects might have useful information about a terrorist group?

Does.....72%

Does not.....24
 (No Answer).....4

Organization: Program On International Policy Attitudes, University of Maryland/Knowledge Networks
 Date: June 27-July 2, 2006

[HALF SAMPLE A,B]

STATEMENT: Here are some legal requirements for the treatment of detainees that are part of international laws the US has agreed to. Please say whether you favor or oppose having these legal requirements.

[GRID PATTERN WITH HR-Q11a-e ON SAME SCREEN—RANDOMIZE PRESENTATION]

	Should have this right	Should not have this right	(No Answer)
a. The right to request and receive a hearing where the detainee can make the case for why he should not be detained.	84%	13%	4%
Republicans	84	14	
Democrats	90	10	
Independents	75	15	
b. The right to have the detainee's home government and family informed of the detainee's capture and his location.	80%	17%	4%
Republicans	79	19	
Democrats	86	13	
Independents	71	19	
c. The right to have one's treatment monitored by an international humanitarian organization like the Red Cross.	84%	11%	5%
Republicans	83	12	
Democrats	92	8	
Independents	77	13	
d. The right to not be tortured	79%	17%	4%
Republicans	81	18	
Democrats	86	12	
Independents	67	22	
e. The right to not be threatened with torture	63%	33%	4%
Republicans	55	44	
Democrats	77	22	
Independents	54	35	

Organization: Program On International Policy Attitudes, University of Maryland/Knowledge Networks

Date: June 27-July 2, 2006

[HALF SAMPLE C,D]

STATEMENT: As you may know, the United States has signed treaties that limit what a government can do to pressure detainees to give information. Here are some methods that are not allowed. For each one please say whether you approve of having a rule against it or if you think such a rule is too restrictive.

[GRID PATTERN WITH INT-Q12a-e ON SAME SCREEN—RANDOMIZE PRESENTATION]

	Approve rule against	Rule too restrictive	(No Answer)
a. Using physical torture	75%	21 %	4%
Republicans	74	26	
Democrats	78	20	
Independents	73	18	
b. Threatening physical torture	60%	37%	3%
Republicans	59	40	
Democrats	64	34	
Independents	53	38	
c. Treating detainees in a way that is humiliating or degrading	61%	36%	4%
Republicans	58	40	
Democrats	65	33	
Independents	56	34	
d. Using mental torture (such as making someone think that they or their family members will be killed)	64%	33%	3%
Republicans	60	40	
Democrats	71	28	
Independents	59	32	

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[FULL SAMPLE]

Is it your impression that the US government is

Currently allowing interrogators to use torture to get information from suspected terrorists.....47%
 Making every effort to make sure that interrogators never use torture.....45%
 (No Answer).....8%

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[3/4 SAMPLE A,B,C]

Do you think that the rules for treating someone who is being detained because they are suspected of terrorist activities should or should not be the same for citizens and non-citizens?

Should be the same.....63%
 Should not be the same.....33
 (No Answer).....4

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[3/4 SAMPLE A,B,D]

Is it your impression that when the United States conducts interrogations of detainees in Iraq it:

Sometimes uses private companies as contractors.....40%
 Only uses US military personnel or intelligence agents.....51%
 (No Answer).....9%

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News and government reports indicate that the US has been using private contractors to conduct interrogations in Iraq. Do you:

Approve of using such private companies to conduct interrogations.....26%
 Think only military personnel or US intelligence agents should conduct interrogations.....68%
 (No Answer).....6%

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STATEMENT: As you may know, when the US captures someone outside of the US there are a number of rights that this person has according to international treaties which the US and other countries have signed. Some people say when someone is suspected of planning or committing terrorism, and is not a regular soldier, the person should not have certain rights. For each of the following rights please tell me if you think that a terrorism suspect who is not a regular soldier should have this right.

[GRID PATTERN WITH HR-Q25a-e ON SAME SCREEN—RANDOMIZE PRESENTATION]

	Should have this right	Should not have this right	(No Answer)
a. The right to request and receive a hearing where the detainee can make the case for why he should not be detained.	73%	22%	5%
Republicans	69	29	
Democrats	84	15	
Independents	66	21	
b. The right to have the detainee's home government and family informed of the detainee's capture and his location.	66%	29%	5%
Republicans	67	31	
Democrats	75	24	
Independents	51	35	
c. The right to have one's treatment monitored by an international humanitarian organization like the Red Cross.	73%	22%	5%
Republicans	71	28	
Democrats	81	17	
Independents	64	23	
d. The right to not be tortured	75%	20%	5%
Republicans	78	20	
Democrats	82	16	
Independents	63	25	
e. The right to not be threatened with torture	57%	38%	5%
Republicans	50	47	
Democrats	67	31	
Independents	50	38	

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[HALF SAMPLE A,B]

HR-Q26: When someone is arrested in the US there are a number of rights that that person has by US law. Some people say when someone is suspected of planning or committing terrorism the person should not have certain rights. For each of the following rights please tell me if you think that someone who is suspected of terrorism should have this right.

[GRID PATTERN WITH HR-26a-e ON SAME SCREEN—RANDOMIZE PRESENTATION]

	Should have this right	Should not have this right	(No Answer)
a. The right to a lawyer	77%	18%	5 %
Republicans	75	23	
Democrats	81	14	
Independents	73	18	
b. The right to not be held indefinitely without charges or a trial	60%	35%	5%
Republicans	53	45	
Democrats	69	34	
Independents	58	26	
c. The right to not be held in a secret prison	49%	45%	6%
Republicans	45	54	
Democrats	58	37	
Independents	44	44	
d. The right to not be tortured	76%	19%	5%
Republicans	80	19	
Democrats	76	19	
Independents	71	20	
e. The right to not be threatened with torture	61%	35%	4%
Republicans	51	47	
Democrats	71	26	
Independents	60	32	

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[FULL SAMPLE]

As you may know from the news, the US has been secretly sending people suspected of terrorism to be questioned in other countries that are known to use torture. The US says that these countries have given assurances that the suspects will not be tortured. How likely do you think it is that some of these suspects will be tortured?

Not at all.....4%
Not very.....13

Somewhat.....	46
Very.....	32
(No Answer).....	5

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Do you think the US should or should not permit US military and intelligence agencies to secretly send terrorism suspects to other countries that are known to use torture?

Should.....	37%
Should not.....	57
(No Answer).....	6

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When acts of torture have been committed by military personnel, but their commander says that he or she did not order it and was not aware of it, should the commander be held responsible or not held responsible?

Held responsible.....	58%
Not held responsible.....	37
(No Answer).....	5

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[3/4 SAMPLE A,C,D]

Do you think that government officials who engage in, or order others to engage in, torture or cruel and humiliating treatment as a way to get information should or should not be tried and punished?

	6/06 7/04
Should be.....	73% 71
Should not be.....	20 24
(No Answer).....	6 5

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[3/4 SAMPLE B,C,D]

The US has signed a number of treaties establishing international laws governing how a country, in the context of armed conflict, must treat an individual it has detained—that is, has captured and is holding. These rules limit what the US can do to detainees and what other countries can do when they detain Americans. Do you approve or disapprove of the US being part of such treaties?

Approve.....	85%
Disapprove.....	12
(No Answer).....	4

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[3/4 SAMPLE A,B,C]

In most cases, the actions of individuals are simply governed by the laws of the country they live in. Do you think that:

In some cases there are individual actions that are of such significance, such as acts of torture or genocide, that there should be international laws governing these actions that are applied by an international court or tribunal if a nation does not enforce them.60%

In most cases, the actions of individuals are simply governed by the laws of the country they live in. Do you think that:

Only individual nations should make laws governing the acts of individuals, because having such international laws and giving international courts and tribunals the power to apply them would violate the sovereignty of nations.....36%

(No Answer).....5%

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[3/4 SAMPLE A,B,C]

As you may know, the United States has signed a number of treaties that prohibit the use of torture. Do you approve or disapprove of the United States signing these treaties?

Approve.....	82%
Disapprove.....	15
(No Answer).....	3

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Do you think that states should or should not agree that if someone is tortured and no one is charged for it, that an international court should have the right to investigate to determine if someone should be charged?

Should agree.....	70%
Should not agree.....	26
(No Answer).....	3

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When acts of torture have been committed, who do you think should be held responsible?

Only persons who committed the acts of torture.....	4%
Only the person who gave the orders to use torture.....	12
Both.....	77
Neither.....	3
(No Answer).....	3

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Guantanamo and/or Abu Ghraib

Is it your impression that current US policies for detaining people it has captured and is holding in Guantanamo Bay are or are not legal, according to international treaties on the treatment of detainees?

Are legal.....	52%
Are not legal.....	38
(No Answer).....	9

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[3/4 SAMPLE B,C,D]

As you may know, the way that the US has treated detainees at Guantanamo Bay has been strongly criticized by European allies, Muslim countries, and the UN Human Rights Commission. There is a debate about whether this negative reaction has important consequences. Thinking about this negative reaction to US treatment of detainees in Guantanamo--
HR-Q20a Do you think:

It weakens America's ability to get other countries to cooperate with the US in the war on terrorism.....	62%
It makes little or no difference.....	35%
(No Answer).....	4%

HR-Q20b Do you think:

It makes people in the Muslim world angrier at the US and more ready to support anti-American groups like al Qaeda.....	67%
It makes little or no difference.....	28%
(No Answer).....	5%

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As you may know, the US participates in the UN Commission on Human Rights, which reviews human rights standards in various countries including the US. Recently, the Commission evaluated how the US treats detainees at Guantanamo Bay and determined that the US has held certain individuals for interrogation for several years without charging them with a crime, contrary to international conventions. Do you think the US should or should not change this practice according to the prescriptions of the UN Commission on Human Rights?

	6/06	4/06
Should change this practice.....	61%	63%
Should not change this practice.....	31%	30%
(No Answer).....	8	7

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[FULL SAMPLE]

STATEMENT: As you may know, numerous Iraqi prisoners were abused by US troops at the Abu Ghraib prison in Iraq. Many photographs appeared in the news.

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From what you have seen, heard or read, do you think that the abuse of Iraqi prisoners at Abu Ghraib prison was

	6/06	Newsweek 5/04
A case of low ranking American soldiers acting on their own.....	52%	36
Authorized by higher-ups in the military chain of command.....	40%	45
(No Answer).....	8%	19

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Do you think that:

Civilian leaders in the administration authorized policies that led to the abuse of Iraqi prisoners.....	36%
These decisions were made entirely within the military.....	53%
(No Answer).....	11%

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How many of the key people responsible for the mistreatment of prisoners at Abu Ghraib prison do you think have been tried and punished?

None.....	12%
Just a few.....	60
Most.....	16
All.....	4
(No Answer).....	8

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Do you think that:

There should be an independent commission to determine who is responsible for the abuse of prisoners at Abu Ghraib.....47%
This job should be left to military.....47%
(No Answer).....6%

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In regard to the kinds of prisoner abuses that occurred at Abu Ghraib, which do you think is the most likely to be occurring in overseas military prisons today:

They have stopped.....12%
They have diminished, but are still going on to some extent.....64
They are as widespread as before.....16
(No Answer).....8

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Should.....63%
Should not.....30
(No Answer).....7

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