

PRESS RELEASE

Voice of the People® 2006 "OPINION ON TERRORISM"

**GLOBAL MAJORITY ASSESSES TERRORISM AS A THREAT TO THEIR COUNTRY,
WHILST OPINIONS REMAIN DIVIDED ON US'S ROLE IN FIGHT AGAINST TERRORISM**

KEY FINDINGS

Three quarters of the global population believes terrorism is a threat to their country, according to a new Voice of the People® survey of more than 59,000 interviews in 63 countries, released by Gallup International for the International Day for Tolerance, 16th November. Terrorism is seen as a concrete menace for large majorities in most countries from all over the world.

In Pakistan, 76% of the people believe that terrorism is a major threat to the country. Whereas, 13% do not consider it a threat and 10% do not know.

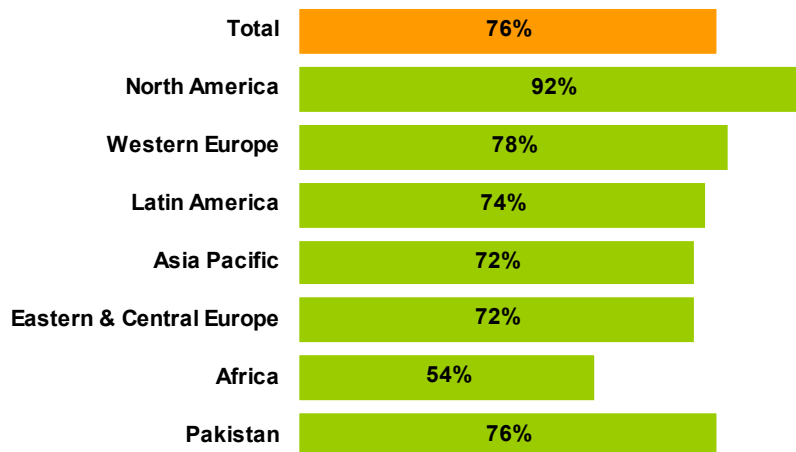
Gallup International's survey also shows opinions are divided when it comes to assessing US's role in the fight against terrorism. 44% of the global population believes that the US has played a positive role in the fight against terrorism, whereas 36% consider her role as negative. A further 15% maintain that the US's role has been neutral in the fight against terrorism, and 6% do not know.

In Pakistan, only 14% of the people believe US has played a positive role in the fight against terrorism, whilst 61% consider it to be negative. Still, 13% state US has played a neutral role, whereas 12% do not know.

Commenting on the results of this study, Meril James, Secretary General of Gallup International commented *"There is a paradox in terrorism, as much as it divides the world, it also unites it in the fear towards it; all over the globe, people are worried they will become victims of terrorism, our Voice of the People® 2006 edition shows."*

DO YOU THINK TERRORISM IS OR NOT A THREAT TO YOUR COUNTRY?

Percent that believes terrorism is a threat to their country



Source: Gallup International Association – Voice of the People © 2006

Three quarters (76%) of the world's population interviewed believe terrorism is a threat to their country. This fear is extended across all regions. It reaches its maximum level in North America, with 92%. Large majorities in Western Europe (78%), Latin America (74%), Eastern and Central Europe (72%) and Asia Pacific (72%) share this fear. Even in Africa, the area where this feeling is lower, still more than half fear terrorist attacks (54%).

TERRORISM IS A THREAT TO COUNTRY
Country by country results

Colombia	97%	Luxembourg	60%
India	97%	Malaysia	59%
Israel	93%	Macedonia	58%
USA	93%	South Africa	58%
Peru	91%	Portugal	57%
UK	90%	Bulgaria	54%
Indonesia	89%	Kosovo	54%
Russia	87%	Poland	53%
Spain	85%	Gabon	52%
Turkey	85%	Morocco	52%
France	84%	Nigeria	52%
Germany	82%	Ghana	51%
Panama	82%	Serbia	50%
Thailand	82%	Romania	49%
Italy	80%	Greece	48%
Canada	80%	Congo	48%
Singapore	78%	Sweden	47%
Pakistan	76%	Czech Republic	47%
Denmark	73%	Moldova	47%
Venezuela	71%	Switzerland	46%
Japan	71%	Ukraine	46%
Korea	71%	Taiwan	45%
Philippines	71%	Cameroon	44%
Norway	69%	Hong Kong	43%
Kenya	68%	Chile	41%
Paraguay	67%	Croatia	40%
Mexico	66%	Finland	32%
Netherlands	65%	Senegal	32%
Dominican Republic	65%	Austria	29%
Argentina	62%	Iceland	25%
Bolivia	62%	Albania	20%
Vietnam	61%		

Source: Gallup International Association – Voice of the People® 2006

To respondents in the survey, terrorism represents a significant threat in most of the countries participating and becomes especially feared in Colombia (97%), India (97%), Israel (93%) and the US (93%). At the other extreme, in Finland (32%), Senegal (32%), Austria (29%), Iceland (25%) and Albania (20%) the threat of terrorism diminishes greatly. It should be noted that in 58 of the 63 countries involved in the survey, fear of terrorism haunts at least 4 out of 10 citizens. Not surprisingly, fear for terrorism can be found in countries where it has, indeed, already struck, but

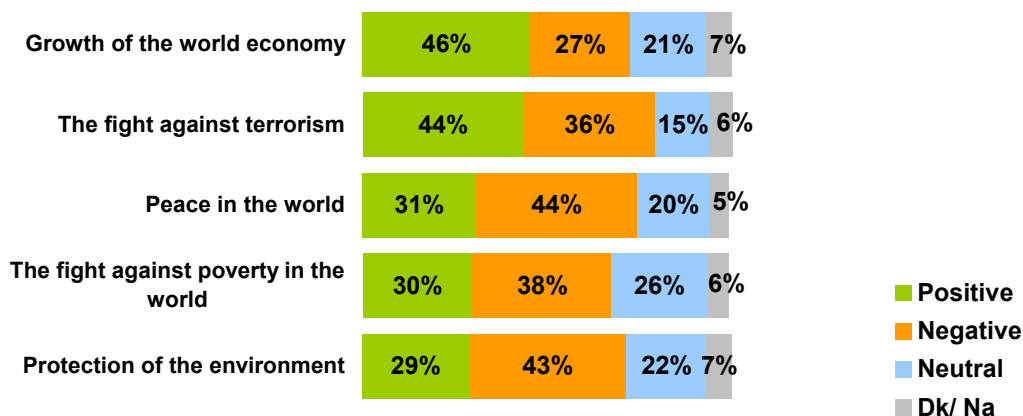
it is interesting to note majorities feel menaced by terrorism in several countries that have not been recent victims.

In North America, both the US citizens (93%) and Canadians (80%) feel terrorism menacing them. In Western Europe, overall the fear to terrorism is present in all countries. Exceptions are Iceland (25%), Austria (29%) and Finland (32%), countries where compared to the rest of the world, the alert against terrorism is low. In this same region we find Israel (93%) and UK (90%) who rate among the most worried and also Spain (85%), France (84%), Germany (82%) with very high percentages.

Terrorism represents a menace to all Latin American countries participating in the survey. Colombia (97%) has the highest figure, though it should be noted that this probably is a response mainly to internal terrorism represented by FARC. In Chile the lowest figure can be found (41%). In Russia (87%) and Turkey (85%) wounds from domestic group attacks-some linked to international groups-have not healed yet and they are the most worried in Eastern and Central Europe. On the other hand in Albania (20%) fear of terrorism is at it lowest. In the other countries in this region, roughly half of the populations see terrorism as a threat. India (97%), Indonesia (89%) and Thailand (82%) all countries with heavy loads of terrorist incidents are the most worried countries in a region where overall, this fear is present in most countries. The lower figures were traced in Taiwan (45%) and Hong Kong (43%). In Africa, Kenyans (68%) feel terrorism having experienced it in reality, whilst nearby in Senegal only 32% of the population considers terrorism is a concrete threat.

**DOES THE US TEND TO PLAY A POSITIVE ROLE, A NEGATIVE ROLE OR A NEUTRAL
ROLE IN THE FOLLOWING ISSUES?**

Opinion on US's contribution to different issues



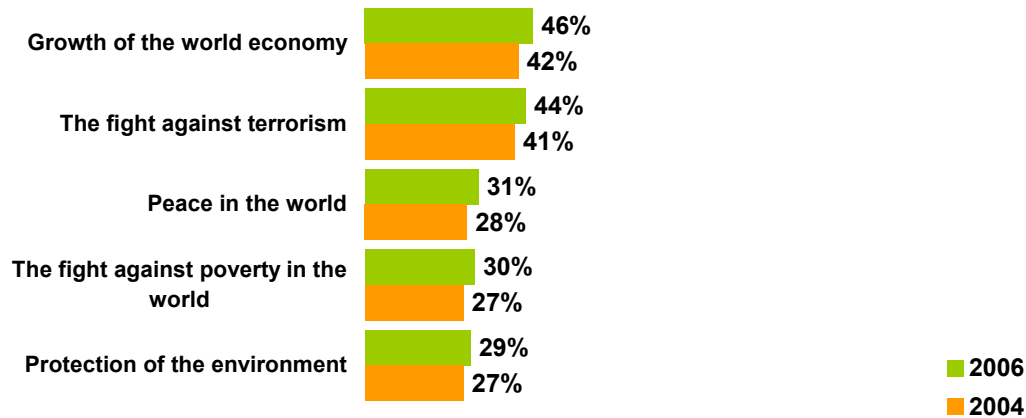
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Voice of the People© asked respondents to assess whether the United States contribution was positive, negative or neutral on global issues amongst which was the fight against terrorism. Others included the growth of the world economy, peace in the world, the fight against poverty in the world and protection of the environment.

Overall, the role of the US is considered negative by the global population regarding peace in the world, the fight against poverty and protection of the environment. Opinions are more divided regarding the role of US in the fight against terrorism. The contribution of the United States to the growth of the world economy is the only issue where significantly more people across the world rate their role more positive than negative.

OPINION ON US'S CONTRIBUTION TO DIFFERENT ISSUES

Percentage of positive opinions

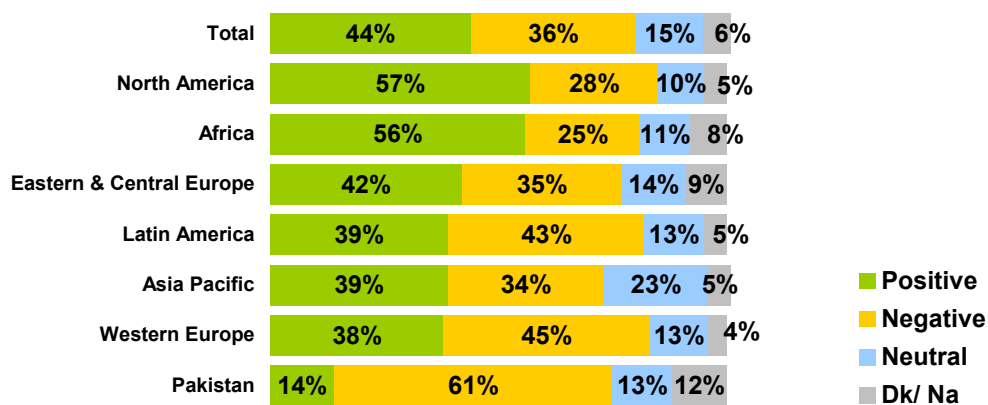


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It is very interesting to note that no significant differences could be traced in Voice of the People© 2006/ 2004. As shown in the chart above, for all dimensions tested, opinions regarding the role of US in these issues remain relatively stable.

OPINION ON US'S CONTRIBUTION TO THE FIGHT AGAINST TERRORISM

By Region



Source: Gallup International Association – Voice of the People® 2006

In Africa and North America itself, there is a positive view of US's role in the fight against terrorism. In Eastern and Central Europe, Latin America and Asia Pacific opinions are more divided whereas in Western Europe the main opinion is critical. Even so, the regional picture masks polarized opinions in many regions.

Looking at the separate countries of North America shows 40% of Canadians and 59% of Americans hold this view. But deeper analysis of the US results shows that a quarter (26%) of US citizens themselves feel that the contribution of their country has been negative on this dimension. It is also interesting to note that Voice of the People® has traced a downtrend in positive opinions from 71% in 2004 to 59% in its current edition, showing criticism is growing gradually in the US.

In Western Europe, the majority of Israelis (82%) and Danes (58%) assess the role of US as positive in the fight against terrorism but they are the only 2 countries to hold this opinion in this region. Britons, who in Voice of the People © 2004's edition favored US's actions on this dimension with 59% now only show 48% of positive opinions. Negative opinions on this issue are held by vast majorities in Greece (76%), Spain (58%), Iceland and Switzerland (61% for both).

Eastern and Central Europe is a region where opinions divide with large majorities in several countries assessing the US contribution as positive whilst others are less enthusiastic. Positive countries include Albania (69%), Kosovo (67%), Romania (59%), Moldova (58%), Poland (58%), Russia (52%) and Czech Republic (52%) whilst amongst others, Croatia (62%) and especially Turkey (77%) are less enthusiastic.

In Africa, 5 out of 10 or more in all countries assess US role positively on this with people from Gabon (64%), Nigerians (63%) and Kenyans (63%) being the most positive. The exception is Morocco, country where criticism ascends to 67%.

In Latin America overall, 39% are positive about the role of the States in the fight against terrorism, but more (43%) are negative. Argentina is the most critical of the US (71%), while in Colombia, a frequent victim of terrorism, 62% are positive.

In Asia Pacific, opinions are highest in India and the Philippines but large elements of the population being critical of the US role are found in Malaysia, Pakistan and Indonesia, with large populations of Muslims in these countries.

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EDITOR'S NOTES**The Voice of the People® Survey**

Gallup International's unique survey **Voice of the People®** interviews more than 59,000 people in 63 countries around the world, representing the views and attitudes of more than 1.5 billion global citizens. Fieldwork was conducted between July and September 2006.

Gallup International

Registered in Zurich as a verein (Association), Gallup International was established in 1947 by George H Gallup and his European colleagues. It currently has member agencies in 65 countries across the world, conducting market and opinion research in more than 100 countries.

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دہشت گردی دنیا بھر کے لیے ایک واضح خطرہ ہے: گیلپ انٹرنیشنل

سرورے

اسلام آباد: 15 نومبر، 2006

رواداری کے عالمی دن کے لیے **Voice of the People®** کے کیے گئے ایک حالیہ سرورے کے مطابق دنیا بھر کی تین چوتھائی آبادی کے خیال میں دہشت گردی ان کے اپنے ملک کے لیے ایک خطرہ ہے۔ گیلپ انٹرنیشنل نے اس سرورے میں دنیا بھر کے 63 ممالک میں 59,000 سے زائد گھرانوں کو شماریاتی طور پر منتخب کیا۔ دنیا بھر کے بیشتر ممالک میں زیادہ تر آبادی کے مطابق دہشت گردی ایک واضح خطرہ ہے۔

پاکستان میں 76% لوگوں کا خیال ہے کہ دہشت گردی ملک کے لیے ایک بہت بڑا خطرہ ہے۔ جبکہ 13% کے مطابق یہ کوئی خطرہ نہیں ہے اور 10% کو اس کے بارے میں معلوم نہیں ہے۔

گیلپ انٹرنیشنل کے اس سرورے کے مطابق امریکہ کے دہشت گردی کے خلاف جنگ میں اس کے کردار کے بارے میں عالمی رائے میں اختلافات ہیں۔ دنیا میں 44% آبادی کے مطابق امریکہ نے دہشت گردی کے خلاف جنگ میں مثبت کردار ادا کیا ہے اور 36% کے خیال میں اس کا کردار منفی ہے۔ جبکہ 15% کا کہنا ہے کہ امریکہ کا دہشت گردی کے خلاف جنگ میں کردار نہ ہی مثبت ہے اور نہ ہی منفی ہے اور 6% کو اس کے بارے میں معلوم نہیں ہے۔

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اس سرورے کے نتائج پر اپنے تاثرات دیتے ہوئے گیلپ انٹرنیشنل کی سیکریٹری جرنیل، میرل جیمز نے کہا کہ "دہشت گردی میں ایک متناقضہ ہے۔ جہاں یہ دنیا کو تقسیم کرتا ہے، اس کا خوف دنیا کو متحد بھی کر دیتا ہے۔ ہمارے

Voice of the People® کے 2006 ایڈیشن کے مطابق دنیا بھر میں لوگ خوفزدہ ہیں کہ وہ دہشت گردی کے شکار بنیں گے۔"

پاکستان میں یہ گیلپ سرورے ملک کے چاروں صوبوں میں سائنسی طور پر منتخب جوابدہندوں سے کیا گیا ہے، جن میں مختلف عمر، آمدنی اور تعلیم سے تعلق رکھنے والے مرد اور خواتین کی نمائندگی تھی۔