



Terror Trial in New York City Residents Speak Out

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This Marist Poll Reports:

New Yorkers Divide Over Terror Trial Location

Eight years after the 9/11 terrorist attacks, the Obama Administration has announced that five alleged attackers will be tried in federal court in the shadows of where the World Trade Towers once stood, New York City.

New Yorkers are speaking out about the venue for the trial, but there is a split decision on the matter. 45% of residents think it's a good idea to have the trial in New York City while 41% believe it's a bad one. 14% just aren't sure.

City Residents Weigh Security Risk of Terror Trial

What about the risk of future terrorist attacks? Although 47% say the location of the trial will not affect the likelihood of another terrorist attack occurring in New York City, a significant proportion are concerned the trial will put a bull's eye on the city. In fact, 40% believe having the trial in New York City will increase the possibility of another terrorist attack in the area. 7% think it will be less of a target, and another 6% are unsure about the implications of the trial for the city's security.

Most New York City residents -- 67% -- are confident law enforcement officials will be able to handle the potential security risks associated with such a high profile trial in Manhattan. 22% don't have as much faith. This is the proportion of residents who believe New York City is not well equipped to handle the situation. 11% are unsure.

When it comes to their personal safety, a majority -- 52% -- of New York City residents don't think it will impact their own security. 34% think the trial will compromise their personal safety and put them in greater danger, and 8% report it will put them in less danger. 6% are unsure.

Nature of the Sample: 602 New York City Residents

This survey of 602 New York City residents was conducted on November 16, 2009. Telephone numbers were selected based upon a list of telephone exchanges from throughout the city. The exchanges were selected to ensure that each borough was represented in proportion to its population. A mixed-mode methodology was used to interview respondents. Interviews were conducted either by live telephone interviewers or by an interactive voice response (IVR) technology. In addition, in an effort to increase coverage, this land-line sample was supplemented by respondents reached through random dialing of cell phone numbers. Results for residents are statistically significant at +/- 4%. The error margin increases for cross-tabulations.

Marist Poll November 2009 NYC Residents Tables

		NYC Residents		
		Five alleged 9/11 attackers of the World Trade Center will be tried in federal court. Do you think it is a good idea or a bad idea to have this trial located in New York City?		
		Good idea	Bad idea	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %
NYC Residents		45%	41%	14%
Registered Voters		45%	41%	14%
Party Registration	Democrat	48%	39%	13%
	Republican	23%	68%	9%
	Non-enrolled	48%	36%	16%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	48%	36%	16%
	\$50,000 or more	47%	43%	10%
Race	White	41%	49%	10%
	African American	42%	38%	20%
	Latino	55%	35%	11%
Education	Not college graduate	46%	40%	14%
	College graduate	47%	40%	13%
Age	18 to 34	51%	39%	10%
	35 to 54	44%	38%	18%
	55 or older	41%	46%	13%
Gender	Men	50%	40%	10%
	Women	41%	42%	16%
Marist Poll New York City Residents "N=602 MOE +/- 4%". Totals may not add to 100 due to rounding.				

		NYC Residents			
		Do you think having the trial in New York City will make the city more of a target for terrorism, less of a target for terrorism, or make no difference to how much New York City is seen as a target for terrorism?			
		More of a target	Less of a target	Makes no difference	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %
NYC Residents		40%	7%	47%	6%
Registered Voters		41%	7%	47%	5%
Party Registration	Democrat	38%	8%	50%	4%
	Republican	57%	1%	32%	10%
	Non-enrolled	36%	7%	53%	4%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	43%	7%	40%	10%
	\$50,000 or more	36%	7%	56%	1%
Race	White	45%	1%	49%	4%
	African American	34%	8%	52%	6%
	Latino	42%	10%	42%	5%
Education	Not college graduate	41%	7%	44%	8%
	College graduate	41%	6%	49%	4%
Age	18 to 34	39%	10%	47%	5%
	35 to 54	38%	6%	50%	6%
	55 or older	43%	6%	42%	8%
Gender	Men	36%	8%	51%	5%
	Women	45%	6%	45%	5%

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		NYC Residents		
		Are you confident or not confident New York City will be able to handle the potential security risks of such a trial?		
		Confident	Not confident	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %
NYC Residents		67%	22%	11%
Registered Voters		68%	22%	10%
Party Registration	Democrat	70%	21%	10%
	Republican	53%	38%	8%
	Non-enrolled	68%	15%	17%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	69%	21%	10%
	\$50,000 or more	67%	24%	10%
Race	White	65%	23%	11%
	African American	71%	19%	9%
	Latino	67%	19%	13%
Education	Not college graduate	67%	21%	12%
	College graduate	68%	24%	8%
Age	18 to 34	68%	26%	6%
	35 to 54	66%	23%	11%
	55 or older	67%	17%	15%
Gender	Men	80%	12%	8%
	Women	58%	30%	12%

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		NYC Residents			
		If the trial is held in New York City will you feel more at risk for your personal safety, less at risk, or will it make no difference to how you feel about your personal safety?			
		More at risk	Less at risk	Makes no difference	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %
NYC Residents		34%	8%	52%	6%
Registered Voters		35%	8%	52%	5%
Party Registration	Democrat	32%	9%	54%	5%
	Republican	46%	4%	45%	4%
	Non-enrolled	38%	5%	53%	4%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	34%	7%	53%	6%
	\$50,000 or more	31%	8%	58%	4%
Race	White	36%	2%	58%	4%
	African American	27%	13%	53%	6%
	Latino	39%	9%	43%	9%
Education	Not college graduate	30%	7%	56%	6%
	College graduate	37%	8%	52%	4%
Age	18 to 34	39%	8%	51%	2%
	35 to 54	31%	8%	53%	8%
	55 or older	33%	7%	53%	7%
Gender	Men	25%	9%	63%	4%
	Women	41%	7%	46%	6%

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