



NY1-Marist Poll

Post Bin Laden: President Obama Applauded in NYC...

Perceptions of City Life Little Changed

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This NY1-Marist Poll Reports:

Many New York City residents flocked to the site of the World Trade Center in celebration on Sunday night after learning of Osama bin Laden's death. In the aftermath of the Al Qaeda leader's death, President Barack Obama has received a bump in his approval rating in the Big Apple. However, city dwellers do not necessarily feel safer within the five boroughs.

According to this NY1-Marist Poll, nearly seven in ten registered voters citywide -- 69% -- think President Barack Obama is doing either an excellent or good job in office. Included here are 32% who say the commander in chief is doing an excellent job and 37% who report he is doing a good one. 16% rate his performance as fair while 12% think he is doing poorly. Only 2% are unsure.

President Obama's job approval rating in New York City has increased by 10 percentage points from just last week. In a NY1-Marist Poll conducted in the days leading up to Osama bin Laden's death, 59% of voters gave President Obama high marks, slightly more than one in four voters -- 26% -- said he was doing a fair job, and 14% thought Mr. Obama was doing a poor one. Only 1%, at the time, was unsure.

"For New York City residents, the war on terror is not over, but they feel we just won a big battle," says Dr. Lee M. Miringoff, Director of The Marist College Institute for Public Opinion. "They are thankful for the president's leadership."

And, a majority of adults in New York City think President Obama deserves the amount of credit he is receiving for the death of Osama bin Laden. More than six in ten New York City residents -- 63% -- believe the president is taking the right amount of credit while fewer than one in five -- 18% -- say he is taking too much credit for it. 11% say he is not taking enough credit, and 8% are unsure.

Sense of Safety Not Heightened for Majority Following Bin Laden's Death

Despite the kudos many New York City residents are bestowing upon the president, there has been little change in their attitudes toward daily life.

A majority of New York City residents don't personally feel safer in the aftermath of the killing of Osama bin Laden. 28% feel less safe, and 27% say his death makes no difference to their feeling of security. However, a plurality -- 38% -- is experiencing an enhanced sense of security. Seven percent are unsure.

When looking at the level of safety in the city itself, 37% feel the Big Apple is less safe following Sunday's announcement, and an additional 17% report bin Laden's death does not impact the city's safety. 38% think the city is now safer, and 8% are unsure.

A majority of residents within the five boroughs -- 51% -- still think New York City is vulnerable to another terrorist attack. Included here are 12% who are very worried about the possibility of another assault and 39% who are worried. 29%, though, are not very worried while 19% are not worried at all.

Little has changed on this question since last week, prior to Osama bin Laden's death. At that time, 53% of New York City adults expressed some worry about another attack in the Big Apple while 29% were not very worried, and 17% were not worried at all.

When thinking beyond the borders of New York City, 46% of New Yorkers have a feeling of a more secure nation. 32% disagree and say the nation is less safe. 14% report Osama bin Laden's death makes no difference, and 8% are unsure.

Residents offer similar opinions toward the security of the world. More than four in ten -- 43% -- say the world is safer because Osama bin Laden is dead. 35% think global security is less while 14% believe it makes no difference. Nine percent are unsure.

How did New York City residents feel upon hearing that Osama bin Laden had been killed? Nearly four in ten residents -- 39% -- say they were happy. 24% were surprised, 10% felt excited, and 7% were relieved. Three percent report they were indifferent while the same proportion -- 3% -- says the news conjured a sense of patriotism. The feelings of sadness and worry each receive 2%. One percent of city dwellers felt angry, and an additional 1% report they were confused. Seven percent mention another emotion.

How did residents discover that bin Laden was dead? A majority -- 57% -- found out via television. 10% heard the news over the radio while 9% were told by someone they were with. An additional 7% received a phone call. Six percent got the news on the Internet, and the same proportion -- 6% -- was notified via social media like Facebook or Twitter. Three percent received a text message, and 2% read it in a newspaper.

Majority Say Daily Life Back to Normal, But City Has Not Healed

A majority of New York City residents -- 54% -- say their life has returned to normal in the years following the September 11th, 2001 attacks. 10% report their lives will eventually return to normal, and 35% think their lives will never be the same.

There has been little change in these numbers since last week's survey when 53% said their life has returned to normal, 10% reported their life will eventually be the same, and 37% thought their life would never be the same.

There has, though, been a change in opinion over the past few years. When Marist last reported this question in August of 2007, just four in ten -- 40% -- thought their life was back

on track. 13% believed their life would get back to normal while nearly half -- 47% -- said their life would never be the same.

However, residents think the city still needs healing. Nearly half -- 48% -- say that the city has not fully recovered from the September 11th attacks. 28% believe the city is just as good as it was before the attacks while 25% say it is even better.

When NY1-Marist asked this question last week, half of those in New York City -- 50% -- felt the city had not fully recovered from the attacks. 28% thought it was just as good, and 22% said it was even better than before the attacks.

How the Survey was Conducted

Nature of the Sample:

May 2nd, 2011 New York City Poll of 502 Adults

This survey of 502 New York City adults was conducted on May 2nd, 2011. Adults 18 years of age and older residing in the five boroughs of New York City were interviewed by telephone. 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. To increase coverage, this land-line sample was supplemented by respondents reached through random dialing of cell phone numbers. The two samples were then combined. Results are statistically significant within ± 4.5 percentage points. There are 391 registered voters. The results for this subset are statistically significant within ± 5.0 percentage points. The error margin increases for cross-tabulations.

April 25th through 29th, 2011 New York City Poll of 405 Adults

This survey of 405 New York City adults was conducted on April 25th through April 29th, 2011. Adults 18 years of age and older residing in the five boroughs of New York City were interviewed by telephone. 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. To increase coverage, this land-line sample was supplemented by respondents reached through random dialing of cell phone numbers. The two samples were then combined. Results are statistically significant within ± 5.0 percentage points. There are 321 registered voters. The sample of registered voters was adjusted for turnout in statewide elections. The results for this subset are statistically significant within ± 5.5 percentage points. The error margin increases for cross-tabulations.

May 2nd, 2011 Nature of the Sample: Adults

Nature of the Sample - NYC Adults		
		NYC Adults
		Col %
NYC Adults		100%
NYC Registered Voters		78%
NYC Borough	Bronx	15%
	Brooklyn	30%
	Manhattan	21%
	Queens and Staten Island	34%
Income	Less than \$50,000	52%
	\$50,000 or more	48%
Race	White	34%
	African American	24%
	Latino	28%
	Other	14%
Race	White	34%
	Non White	66%
Age	Under 45	47%
	45 or older	53%
Gender	Men	48%
	Women	52%
Interview Type	Landline	74%
	Cell Phone	26%

NY1-Marist Poll NYC Adults: Interviews conducted May 2nd, 2011, N=502 MOE +/- 4.5%. Totals may not add to 100 due to rounding.

May 2nd, 2011 Nature of the Sample: Registered Voters

Nature of the Sample - NYC Registered Voters		
		NYC Registered Voters
		Col %
NYC Registered Voters		100%
Party Registration	Democrat	68%
	Republican	11%
	Non-enrolled	19%
	Other	2%
Political Ideology	Liberal	34%
	Moderate	33%
	Conservative	33%
NYC Borough	Bronx	14%
	Brooklyn	33%
	Manhattan	19%
	Queens and Staten Island	34%
Income	Less than \$50,000	48%
	\$50,000 or more	52%
Race	White	37%
	African American	25%
	Latino	27%
	Other	11%
Race	White	37%
	Non White	63%
Age	Under 45	40%
	45 or older	60%
Gender	Men	48%
	Women	52%
Interview Type	Landline	78%
	Cell Phone	22%

NY1-Marist Poll NYC Registered Voters: Interviews conducted May 2nd, 2011, N=391 MOE +/- 5%. Totals may not add to 100 due to rounding.

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	Manhattan	21%
	Queens and Staten Island	34%
Income	Less than \$50,000	50%
	\$50,000 or more	50%
Race	White	36%
	African American	24%
	Latino	19%
	Other	21%
Race	White	36%
	Non White	64%
Age	Under 45	46%
	45 or older	54%
Gender	Men	42%
	Women	58%
Interview Type	Landline	76%
	Cell Phone	24%

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	Brooklyn	25%
	Manhattan	22%
	Queens and Staten Island	32%
Income	Less than \$50,000	49%
	\$50,000 or more	51%
Race	White	38%
	African American	22%
	Latino	19%
	Other	21%
Race	White	38%
	Non White	62%
Age	Under 45	41%
	45 or older	59%
Gender	Men	43%
	Women	57%
Interview Type	Landline	77%
	Cell Phone	23%

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President Obama Approval Rating (NYC)

Asked of NYC Registered Voters:

Question Wording: Would you rate the job President Barack Obama is doing in office as excellent, good, fair, or poor?

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	NYC Registered Voters				
	Would you rate the job President Barack Obama is doing in office as excellent, good, fair, or poor?				
	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Unsure- Never Heard
	Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %
NYC Registered Voters	32%	37%	16%	12%	2%

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Obama's Credit for Osama Bin Laden's Death

Asked of NYC Adults:

Question Wording: Do you think President Obama is taking too much credit, not enough credit or about the right amount of credit for the death of Osama bin Laden?

	NYC Adults			
	Do you think President Obama is taking too much credit, not enough credit or about the right amount of credit for the death of Osama bin Laden?			
	Too much credit	Not enough credit	About the right amount of credit	Unsure
	Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %
NYC Adults	18%	11%	63%	8%

NY1-Marist Poll NYC Adults: Interviews conducted May 2nd, 2011, N=502
MOE +/- 4.5%. Totals may not add to 100 due to rounding.

Personal Safety Following Osama Bin Laden's Death

Asked of NYC Adults:

Question Wording: Does the death of Osama bin Laden make you personally feel safer or less safe?

	NYC Adults			
	Does the death of Osama bin Laden make you personally feel safer or less safe?			
	Safer	Less safe	Makes no difference	Unsure
	Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %
NYC Adults	38%	28%	27%	7%

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Safety of NYC Following Osama Bin Laden's Death

Asked of NYC Adults:

Question Wording: Do you think New York City is now safer or less safe after the death of Osama bin Laden?

	NYC Adults			
	Do you think New York City is now safer or less safe after the death of Osama bin Laden?			
	Safer	Less safe	Makes no difference	Unsure
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Concern About Another Terrorist Attack

Asked of NYC Adults:

Question Wording: Are you very worried, worried, not too worried or not worried at all about another major terrorist attack in New York City?

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	NYC Adults			
	Are you very worried, worried, not too worried or not worried at all about another major terrorist attack in New York City?			
	Very worried	Worried	Not very worried	Not worried at all
	Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %
NYC Adults	12%	39%	29%	19%

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Concern About Another Terrorist Attack (Over Time)

Asked of NYC Adults:

Question Wording: Are you very worried, worried, not too worried or not worried at all about another major terrorist attack in New York City?

New York City Residents				
Are you very worried, worried, not too worried or not worried at all about another major terrorist attack in New York City?				
	Very Worried	Worried	Not Too Worried	Not Worried at All
May 2011	12%	39%	29%	19%
April 2011	18%	35%	29%	17%
September 10, 2010	19%	37%	30%	14%
September 10, 2007	17%	40%	26%	17%
April 2005	14%	37%	37%	12%
September 2004	22%	38%	24%	16%
March 2002	22%	33%	31%	14%
October 2001	34%	39%	18%	9%

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Safety of the Nation Following Osama Bin Laden's Death

Asked of NYC Adults:

Question Wording: Do you think the nation is now safer or less safe after the death of Osama bin Laden?

	NYC Adults			
	Do you think the nation is now safer or less safe after the death of Osama bin Laden?			
	Safer	Less safe	Makes no difference	Unsure
	Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %
NYC Adults	46%	32%	14%	8%

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Safety of the World Following Osama Bin Laden's Death

Asked of NYC Adults:

Question Wording: Do you think the world is now safer or less safe after the death of Osama bin Laden?

	NYC Adults			
	Do you think the world is now safer or less safe after the death of Osama bin Laden?			
	Safer	Less safe	Makes no difference	Unsure
	Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %
NYC Adults	43%	35%	14%	9%

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Reaction to Osama Bin Laden's Death

Asked of NYC Adults:

Question Wording: Using just one word, how would you describe your reaction when you heard the news that Osama bin Laden had been killed?

	NYC Adults										
	Using just one word, how would you describe your reaction when you heard the news that Osama bin Laden had been killed?										
	Happy	Surprised	Excited	Relieved	Indifferent	Patriotic	Sad	Worried	Angry	Confused	Other
Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %
NYC Adults	39%	24%	10%	7%	3%	3%	2%	2%	1%	1%	7%

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How Residents Heard of Osama Bin Laden's Death

Asked of NYC Adults:

Question Wording: How did you first hear about the news that Osama bin Laden had been killed?

NYC Adults								
How did you first hear about the news that Osama bin Laden had been killed?								
	Television	Radio	From someone you were with	A phone call	The Internet	Social media such as Facebook or Twitter	A text message	Newspaper
	Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %
NYC Adults	57%	10%	9%	7%	6%	6%	3%	2%

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Daily Life Since 9/11

Asked of NYC Adults:

Question Wording: Thinking back to the terror attacks on September 11th, 2001, has your life:

May 2011

	NYC Adults		
	Thinking back to the terror attacks on September 11th, 2001, has your life:		
	Returned to normal	Will eventually return to normal	Or, never be the same
	Row %	Row %	Row %
NYC Adults	54%	10%	35%

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	Thinking back to the terror attacks on September 11th, 2001, has your life:		
	Returned to normal	Will eventually return to normal	Or, never be the same
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NYC Adults	53%	10%	37%

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Daily Life Since 9/11 (Over Time)

Asked of NYC Adults:

Question Wording: Thinking back to the terror attacks on September 11th, 2001, has your life:

	New York City Residents		
	Thinking back to the terror attacks on September 11th, 2001, has your life:		
	Returned to normal	Will eventually return to normal	Or, never be the same
May 2011	54%	10%	35%
April 2011	53%	10%	37%
August 2007	40%	13%	47%
August 2006	42%	16%	42%
August 2005	37%	14%	49%
September 2004	24%	17%	59%

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Status of NYC Since 9/11

Asked of NYC Adults:

Question Wording: Thinking back to the terror attacks on September 11th, 2001, do you think New York City is now:

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	NYC Adults		
	Thinking back to the terror attacks on September 11th, 2001, do you think New York City is now:		
	Better than it was before	Just as good	Or, has it not fully recovered
	Row %	Row %	Row %
NYC Adults	25%	28%	48%

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April 2011

	NYC Adults		
	Thinking back to the terror attacks on September 11th, 2001, do you think New York City is now:		
	Better than it was before	Just as good	Or, has it not fully recovered
	Row %	Row %	Row %
NYC Adults	22%	28%	50%

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Status of NYC Since 9/11 (Over Time)

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August 2005	21%	39%	40%
September 2004	16%	30%	54%

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