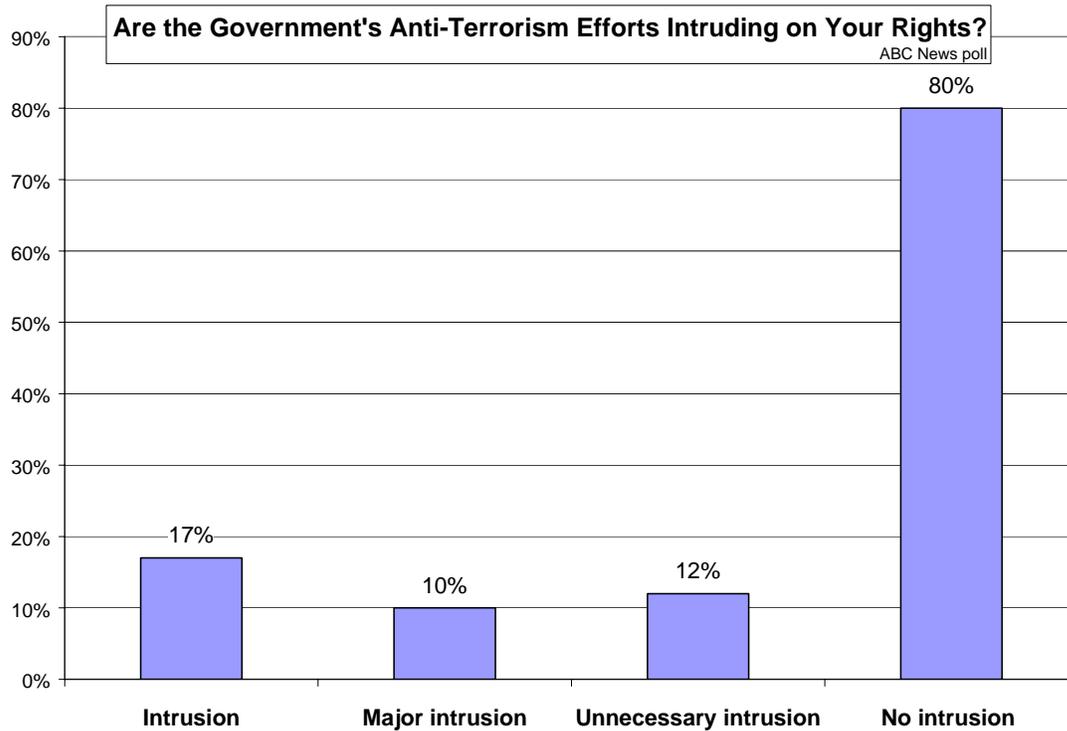


Anti-Terrorism and Civil Rights: Eight in 10 Feel No Intrusion

A year after the government's response to terrorism began eliciting questions about civil rights, eight in 10 Americans say theirs have been preserved intact.

Eighty percent in this ABC News poll feel the government's efforts to fight terrorism are not intruding on their civil liberties. While 17 percent do see an intrusion, fewer – about one in 10 – say either that it's a major intrusion, or an unnecessary one.

Gov't intruding on your rights?	
Yes, intruding	17%
"Major" intrusion	10
"Unnecessary" intrusion	12
Not intruding	80



This continues a string of poll results in which most Americans have not seen the government's anti-terrorism efforts as damaging their rights. Two-thirds in an ABC News poll last month saw no such threat, and three in four said the government was doing enough to protect the rights of American citizens. Nearly eight in 10 also said it was more

important at this time for the FBI to investigate terrorism – even if that intrudes on personal privacy – than for it to avoid such intrusions, if that limits its ability to investigate possible threats.

This poll moved the question to a more personal level, asking: Do you personally feel that the government’s anti-terrorism efforts are intruding on your civil liberties, or not?

GROUPS – Broad majorities across demographic groups feel the government’s anti-terrorism efforts are not intruding on their rights. But there is some variation: Democrats are 13 points more likely to see an intrusion than Republicans are (still only 21 percent do), as are less-educated people.

	Gov’t intruding on your rights?	
	Yes	No
Democrats	21%	77
Republicans	8	90
Independents	19	78
<High school	27	67
High School+	16	82

METHODOLOGY – This ABC News.com poll was conducted by telephone Sept. 25-29, 2002, among a random national sample of 1,024 adults. The results have a three-point error margin. Sampling, data collection and tabulation by TNS Intersearch of Horsham, Pa.

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Here are the full results:

42. (and 43) Do you personally feel that the government’s anti-terrorism efforts are intruding on your civil liberties, or not? (IF YES) In your view is it a (minor) intrusion or a (major) intrusion?

	-----Intrusion-----			Not an intrusion	No opinion
	NET	Major	Minor		
9/29/02	17	10	7	80	3

44. (IF YES, Q42) Do you think that intrusion is necessary right now, or not necessary?

	-----Intrusion-----			Not an intrusion	No opinion
	NET	Necessary	Not necessary		
9/29/02	17	5	12	80	3

END