

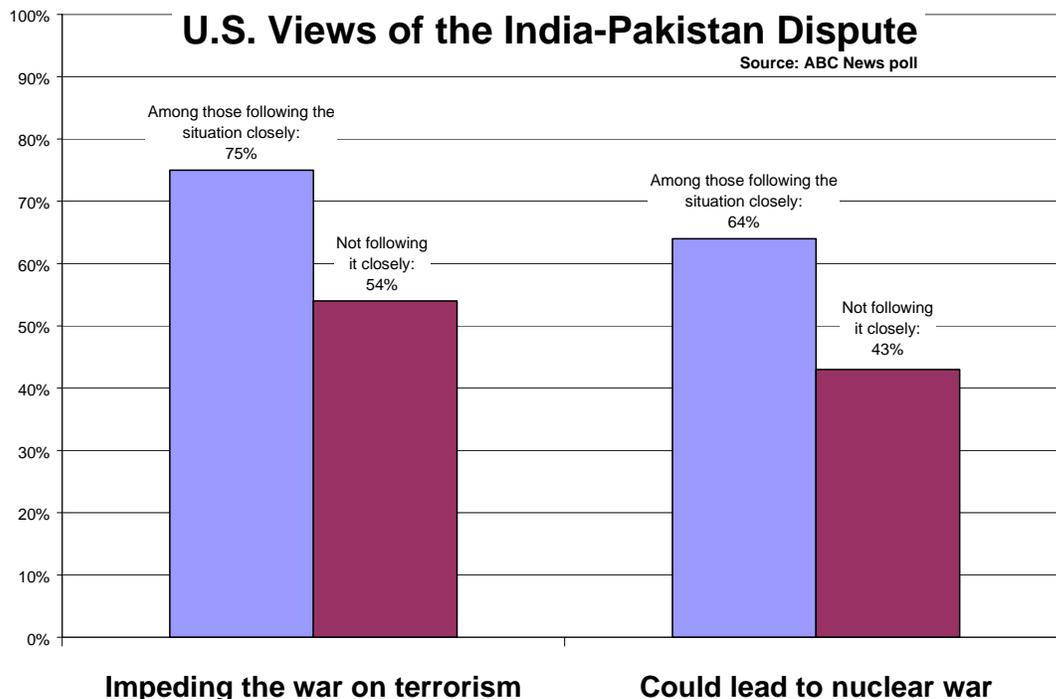
India-Pakistan Face-off Raises Concern on Two Fronts

The India-Pakistan face-off is causing worries on two fronts: Most Americans think it's impeding the war on terrorism, and there's some concern – especially among those paying close attention to the situation – about the possibility of nuclear war.

Nearly two-thirds in an ABC News poll think the dispute over Kashmir is making it more difficult for the United States to conduct the war on terrorism – and that jumps to 75 percent of those who are following the situation closely.

People who are tuned in to the crisis also are more apt to express concern that it could escalate into a nuclear war – 64 percent do so. Concerns of a nuclear exchange are far lower, 43 percent, among those who aren't paying close attention.

	All adults	Level of attention:	
		Close	Not close
Think India-Pakistan dispute is impeding the war on terrorism	64%	75	54
Concerned it could lead to nuclear war	53	64	43



INTENSITY – Higher-intensity worry about a nuclear exchange is much more prevalent among those paying attention. Among people who are following the situation closely, 40

percent express “a great deal” of concern about the chance of nuclear war; among those who aren’t paying close attention, just 16 percent share that level of concern.

A sense that the Kashmir dispute is hampering U.S. counterterrorism efforts peaks in particular among those who are following the developments “very closely.” In this group 82 percent think the dispute is impeding the war on terrorism, and 51 percent think it’s making it “a great deal” more difficult.

U.S. EFFORTS – Despite their higher concerns, people who are following the conflict are more apt than others to say the United States is doing enough to try to resolve it. This peaks in particular among those who are following it “very” closely, among whom 58 percent say the United States is doing enough (32 percent say it should be doing more).

U.S. doing enough to resolve dispute	All adults	Level of attention:		
		Very close	Somewhat close	Not close
	48%	58	51	43

Republicans, given their broad support for the administration, are by far the most apt to say the United States is doing enough to try to resolve the Kashmir dispute.

ATTENTION – Just under half of Americans, 49 percent, say they’re following the India-Pakistan situation either very closely (13 percent) or somewhat closely (36 percent).

This rises to majorities of better-educated people, older adults and men. Those following it least closely include less-educated adults and the youngest ones, age 18 to 34.

METHODOLOGY - This ABC News.com survey was conducted by telephone May 29-June 2, 2002, among a random national sample of 1,031 adults. The results have a three-point error margin. Sampling, data collection and tabulation by TNS Intersearch of Horsham, Pa.

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ABC News polls can be found at ABCNEWS.com on the Internet at:

<http://abcnews.go.com/sections/us/PollVault/PollVault.html>

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Here are the full results:

7. How closely are you following news about the dispute between India and Pakistan over the area known as Kashmir - very closely, somewhat closely, not too closely or not closely at all?

6/2/02	-----Closely-----			-----Not Closely-----			No opin.
	NET	Very	Somewhat	NET	Not too	Not at all	
	49	13	36	51	25	26	1

8. Do you think the United States is doing enough to try to help resolve the conflict between Pakistan and India, or should it do more?

	Enough	More	Too much (vol.)	No opin.
6/2/02	48	26	8	19

9. Do you think the dispute between Pakistan and India is making it more difficult for the United States to conduct the war on terrorism, or not? If yes: Great deal/somewhat

	-----More difficult-----	Not more	No		
	NET	Great deal	Somewhat	difficult	opin.
6/2/02	64	27	37	23	13

10. How concerned are you that a nuclear war might break out between Pakistan and India - is that something that worries you a great deal, somewhat, not too much or not at all?

	-----Concerned-----	-----Not concerned-----	No				
	NET	Great deal	Somewhat	NET	Not too	Not at all	opin.
6/2/02	53	22	32	45	25	21	1

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