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**ARIZONA ON-BOARD WITH ANTI-TERRORISM EFFORTS;
LARGE SUPPORT FOR MILITARY ACTION AND DIPLOMACY;
ARIZONANS WILLING TO FOREGO SOME CIVIL LIBERTIES**

In the wake of the September 11 attacks against the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, Arizonans are rallying together to oppose terrorism. In a recent survey of the Arizona public, 86 percent of respondents approve of the job George W. Bush is doing as President and 92 percent approve of the President's efforts to fight terrorism. *Grand Canyon State Poll* results also indicate that people are almost equally supportive of diplomacy and military action as part of an anti-terrorism strategy. In order to curb terrorism, many Arizonans say they are willing to give up some individual rights.

Calling for Northern Arizona University's *Grand Canyon State Poll* took place between September 26 and October 2, 2001. Four hundred and twelve (412) randomly selected Arizonans participated in this survey for a margin of error of +/- 5 percent.

DIPLOMACY AND MILITARY ACTION FAVORED

Following recent terrorist attacks against the United States, Arizonans are standing behind their president. Eighty-six percent of Arizonans approve of the job George W. Bush is doing as president and 92 percent approve of the way President Bush is responding to the recent terrorist attacks. This high level of support for the President mirrors findings from recent national surveys.

When asked more specifically about how the United States should respond to terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, Arizonans express support for both diplomacy and military action. Eighty-five percent (85%) of the public supports diplomatic efforts to bring those responsible for the attacks before a court of law. Ninety-one percent (91%) of the public supports military action, including the use of ground troops, to punish the terrorists responsible for these attacks. When asked to choose between diplomatic action and military action, no consensus exists. Thirty-one percent (31%) of the public favors diplomatic efforts, 40 percent favor military action, and 28 percent have no preference between the two.

According to Fred Solop, director of the Grand Canyon State Poll, “It is important to know that people support both diplomatic and military responses to the terrorist strikes against the United States. The national dialogue is focusing almost solely on military options. This is not the time to abandon diplomacy.”

Support for military action against other targets is supported, though by smaller proportions of the public. Eighty percent (80%) of Arizonans support military action, including the use of ground troops, to punish countries assisting the terrorists responsible for the attacks. Seventy-five percent (75%) support military action against countries that assist or shelter

terrorists even if those terrorists are not responsible for the recent attacks. Sixty-two percent (62%) support retaliatory military action even if it results in the killing of innocent civilians.

TRADE OFF: FIGHTING TERRORISM VERSUS PROTECTING CIVIL LIBERTIES

Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor recently said that America may have to accept limitations on civil liberties if the nation is to effectively root out terrorism in our society. Almost three-quarters of Arizonans (71%) are willing to give up some individual rights if this means living more securely in a world without terrorism. Levels of support for sacrificing individual rights decline, however, when specific cut-backs on personal liberties in the United States are mentioned. This pattern is similar to that found by recent national studies.

Almost two-thirds of Arizonans (65%) support allowing the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) to conduct assassinations overseas when pursuing suspected enemies of the United States. Allowing police to randomly stop people who may fit the profile of suspected terrorists is supported by 63 percent of Arizonans. Sixty percent (60%) support allowing the CIA to hire known criminals to help pursue suspected terrorists overseas. Fifty-nine percent (59%) support requiring all U.S. citizens to carry a national identity card to be shown to a police officer on request.

Smaller proportions of Arizonans support measures that infringe more directly on personal freedoms within the United States. Thirty-eight percent (38%) would give the U.S. government the power to read mail, e-mail, or tap telephones without a person's knowledge. Thirty-six percent (36%) of the public supports requiring Arabs, including those who are U.S. citizens, to carry a special I.D. card. Twenty-two percent (22%) would allow the U.S.

government to take legal immigrants from unfriendly countries to U.S. internment camps during times of crisis.

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**GRAND CANYON STATE POLL
BACKGROUND MEMO**

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The *Grand Canyon State Poll* was conducted between September 26 and October 2, 2001. A random sample of 412 Arizona residents was asked questions regarding America's response to the September 11 terrorist attacks. Survey question results are subject to a sampling error of +/-5.0 percent at a 95 percent confidence level. Sampling error is the probable difference in results between interviewing everyone in the population versus a scientific sample taken from the population. Sampling error does not take into account additional sources of error inherent in any study of public opinion. The data referred to in this release are presented below.

Do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling his job as president?

	<u>%</u>	
Approve	86	N=411
Disapprove	8	
Don't know / not sure	6	

I'd like to ask you some questions about the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center in New York City and the Pentagon in Washington, DC.

Do you approve or disapprove of the way President George W. Bush is handling this situation?

	<u>%</u>	
Strongly approve	71	N=411
Somewhat approve	21	
Somewhat disapprove	4	
Strongly disapprove	2	
Don't know / not sure	2	

I am going to read a list of possible U.S. responses to recent attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon. Please tell me if you support or oppose each one.

	Support	Oppose	Don't Know	N
Diplomatic efforts to bring those responsible for the attacks before a court of law.	85%	13%	1%	(410)
Military action, including the use of ground troops, to punish the terrorists responsible for these attacks.	91%	6%	3%	(410)
Military action, including the use of ground troops, to punish the countries assisting those terrorists responsible for the attacks.	80%	16%	5%	(411)
Military action against countries that assist or shelter terrorists even if those terrorists are not responsible for the recent attacks.	75%	21%	5%	(407)
Military action, even if it meant the killing of innocent civilians.	62%	32%	6%	(403)

Which one response do you most favor: diplomatic efforts, military action, or don't you have a preference?

	%	
Diplomatic efforts	31	N=411
Military action	40	
No preference	28	
Don't know	1	

In order to curb terrorism in this country, are you willing to give up some individual rights, or not?

	%	
Yes, willing to give up rights	71	N=410
No, not willing to give up rights	23	
Don't know	7	

Do you support or oppose the following measures to curb terrorism?

	Support	Oppose	Don't Know	N
Requiring that all citizens carry a national identity card to show to a police officer on request	59%	37%	4%	(410)
Requiring Arabs, including those who are U.S. citizens, to carry a special I.D.	36%	58%	5%	(411)
Allowing the CIA to conduct assassinations overseas when pursuing suspected enemies of the U.S.	65%	28%	7%	(405)
Allowing the CIA to hire known criminals to help pursue suspected terrorists overseas.	60%	32%	8%	(410)
Allowing the U.S. government to take legal immigrants who are here from unfriendly countries to U.S. internment camps during times of crisis.	22%	72%	6%	(408)
Allowing the U.S. government to read mail, e-mail, or tap phones without a person's knowledge.	38%	54%	8%	(409)
Allowing police to randomly stop people who may fit the profile of suspected terrorists.	63%	33%	4%	(407)