

## Your Reactions to the 9/11 Terrorist Attack

**Participate in a survey about your memories of and reactions to the 9/11 terrorist attacks on the United States**

Date: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

Time: \_\_\_\_\_

In this survey, we are going to ask you some questions about the 9/11 terrorist attack on America. It should take approximately 30 minutes to complete the questions in this booklet.

Your participation in this survey is strictly voluntary, and if, for any reason, taking part might prove distressing for you, feel free to discontinue your participation at any time.

To insure that your responses will remain confidential and anonymous, we'd like you to assign an identification code to your response book. We will not keep records that link this code to your name. The only way your name and responses could be linked is if we contact you in the future (e.g. for a follow-up study) and you provide us with the code that you have generated now. If you filled out a survey last year, please put your code below. If this is the first time you filled out the survey, your code will be 7 letters and should have two parts that you can easily remember. The first part will be *the first 4 letters of your mother's maiden name*. The second part will be *the first 3 letters of the city or town in which you were born*. Please enter this code now in the space provided:

ID Code: \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

**NOTE:** As you respond to the questions, once you have completed a page and turned to the next one, please do not go back and review your earlier answers.

Do you agree to participate in this survey? Check: yes  no

Did you complete a similar survey two years ago? Check: yes  no

Did you complete a similar survey three years ago, shortly after the terrorist attack?

Check: yes  no

Which charity would you like a contribution made to: (please check)

- American Red Cross
- New York Times 9/11 Neediest Funds
- A yet to be determined charity to help in funding of a World Trade Center Memorial
- No preference

**Please indicate the participating school from which you received this survey. If you are uncertain, check “Not sure.”**

- Georgetown University
- Harvard University
- New School University
- New York University
- Stanford University
- Washington University
- Yale University
- UC-Santa Cruz
- Not Sure

1) Please describe how you first became aware of the terrorist attack on America.

*NOTE: Please do not turn to the next page until you have completed your response to this question.*

2) What time was it on the East Coast when you first became aware of the attack?

How confident is your recollection?

(not at all) 1-----2-----3-----4-----5 (extremely)

3) How did you first learn about it (what was the source of the information)?

How confident is your recollection?

(not at all) 1-----2-----3-----4-----5 (extremely)

4) Where were you?

How confident is your recollection?

(not at all) 1-----2-----3-----4-----5 (extremely)

5) What were you doing?

How confident is your recollection?

(not at all) 1-----2-----3-----4-----5 (extremely)

6) Who else was there?

How confident is your recollection?

(not at all) 1-----2-----3-----4-----5 (extremely)

7) How did you feel when you first became aware of the attack?

How confident is your recollection?

(not at all) 1-----2-----3-----4-----5 (extremely)

8) Who was the first person with whom you communicated about the attack, and how did he/she feel about it?

How confident is your recollection?

(not at all) 1-----2-----3-----4-----5 (extremely)

9) What were you doing immediately before you became aware of the attack?

How confident is your recollection?

(not at all) 1-----2-----3-----4-----5 (extremely)

10) What did you do immediately after you became aware of the attack?

How confident is your recollection?

(not at all) 1-----2-----3-----4-----5 (extremely)

**11)** Did you suffer any personal losses in the attack? If so, please specify.

**12)** In the two weeks following the attack, did the attack inconvenience your daily activities in some way? If so, please specify.

For the following questions, we'd like you to tell us what you remember about your **FEELINGS CONCERNING 9/11 IN THE TWO WEEKS FOLLOWING THE ATTACK**. Please indicate your response by marking the appropriate point on the scales provided. Note that you may indicate partial numbers (e.g. 3.5).

**13)** How strongly or intensely did you feel **sad** about the attack?

(low) 1-----2-----3-----4-----5 (high)

**14)** How strongly or intensely did you feel **angry** about the attack?

(low) 1-----2-----3-----4-----5 (high)

**15)** How strongly or intensely did you feel **fear** about the attack?

(low) 1-----2-----3-----4-----5 (high)

**16)** How strongly or intensely did you feel **confusion** about the attack?

(low) 1-----2-----3-----4-----5 (high)

**17)** How strongly or intensely did you feel **frustration** about the attack?

(low) 1-----2-----3-----4-----5 (high)

**18)** How strongly or intensely did you feel **shock** about the attack?

(low) 1-----2-----3-----4-----5 (high)

**19)** In the two weeks after the attack, what other emotions did you experience relative to the attack? List and rate their intensity:

**20)** In the two weeks following the attack, how closely did you follow the media coverage?

(very little) 1-----2-----3-----4-----5 (very much)

**21)** In the two weeks following the attack, how much did you talk about the attack?

(very little) 1-----2-----3-----4-----5 (very much)

**22)** How many airplanes were involved in the attack?

**23)** What airline or airlines had planes hijacked? How many from each airline?

**24)** For each airplane, what was their intended route (departure, arrival)?

**25)** In the vicinity of which cities did the airplanes end up?

**26)** Where was President Bush when the attack occurred?

**27)** When you first became aware of the attack, what did you think was going on?

**28)** Please list the important events that occurred in the attack.



**29)** Many people think that these are the most salient events that occurred in the attack:

- a) The Pentagon was hit by a hijacked plane
- b) A second World Trade Center Tower was hit by a hijacked plane
- c) A World Trade Center Tower collapsed
- d) A World Trade Center Tower was hit by a hijacked plane
- e) A second World Trade Center Tower collapsed
- f) A hijacked plane crashed outside of Pittsburgh

Please indicate the order in which you became aware of each event:

Please indicate the order in which the events actually occurred:

For the following questions, we'd like you to tell us about **HOW YOU THINK YOU'LL FEEL ABOUT THE ATTACK SEVEN YEARS FROM NOW, ON THE TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF 9/11**. Please indicate your response by marking the appropriate point on the scales provided. Note that you may indicate partial numbers (e.g. 3.5).

**30)** Seven years from now, how strongly or intensely will you feel **sad** about the attack?

(low) 1-----2-----3-----4-----5 (high)

**31)** Seven years from now, how strongly or intensely will you feel **anger** about the attack?

(low) 1-----2-----3-----4-----5 (high)

**32)** Seven years from now, how strongly or intensely will you feel **fearful** about the attack?

(low) 1-----2-----3-----4-----5 (high)

**33)** Seven years from now, how strongly or intensely will you feel **confused** about the attack?

(low) 1-----2-----3-----4-----5 (high)

**34)** Seven years from now, how strongly or intensely will you feel **frustrated** about the attack?

(low) 1-----2-----3-----4-----5 (high)

**35)** Seven years from now, how strongly or intensely will you feel **shock** about the attack?

(low) 1-----2-----3-----4-----5 (high)

**36)** Seven years from now, what other emotions might you be experiencing relative to the attack?

List and rate their expected intensity:

For Questions 37 through 41, we are interested in what you remember about your thoughts immediately following the attack. Please answer these questions as a recollection of how you felt **AT THE TIME OF THE ATTACK**, not as you currently feel.

**37)** In the two weeks following the attack, what did you think would be the likelihood of another terrorist attack in the United States during the time periods listed below? Note that numbers on the provided scales indicate the percentage chance that an attack was likely to take place. Please circle your selected value for each item.

In the month following the attack:

0    10    20    30    40    50    60    70    80    90    100

How confident is your recollection?

(not at all) 1-----2-----3-----4-----5 (extremely)

In the year following the attack:

0    10    20    30    40    50    60    70    80    90    100

How confident is your recollection?

(not at all) 1-----2-----3-----4-----5 (extremely)

In five years following the attack:

0    10    20    30    40    50    60    70    80    90    100

How confident is your recollection?

(not at all) 1-----2-----3-----4-----5 (extremely)

**38) In a brief paragraph, describe what the attack meant to you, IN THE TWO WEEKS FOLLOWING 9/11.**

**39) IN THE TWO WEEKS FOLLOWING 9/11, what was your greatest concern as a result of the attack?**

**40) IN THE TWO WEEKS FOLLOWING 9/11, how did you think the United States should have responded to the attack?**

**41) IN THE TWO WEEKS FOLLOWING 9/11, who did you think was responsible for the attack?**

For questions 42 through 48, we'd like you to tell us about your **CURRENT FEELINGS CONCERNING THE ATTACK**. Please indicate your response by marking the appropriate point on the scales provided. Note that you may indicate partial numbers (e.g. 3.5).

42) At this moment, how strongly or intensely do you feel **sad** about the attack?

(low) 1-----2-----3-----4-----5 (high)

43) At this moment, how strongly or intensely do you feel **angry** about the attack?

(low) 1-----2-----3-----4-----5 (high)

44) At this moment, how strongly or intensely do you feel **fear** about the attack?

(low) 1-----2-----3-----4-----5 (high)

45) At this moment, how strongly or intensely do you feel **confusion** about the attack?

(low) 1-----2-----3-----4-----5 (high)

46) At this moment, how strongly or intensely do you feel **frustration** about the attack?

(low) 1-----2-----3-----4-----5 (high)

47) At this moment, how strongly or intensely do you feel **shock** about the attack?

(low) 1-----2-----3-----4-----5 (high)

48) At this moment, what other emotions might you be experiencing relative to the attack? List and rate their expected intensity:

**49)** Since the two weeks following 9/11, how closely have you followed the media coverage about the attack?

(very little) 1-----2-----3-----4-----5 (very much)

**50)** Since the two weeks following 9/11, how much have you talked about the attack?

(very little) 1-----2-----3-----4-----5 (very much)

**51)** At the present moment, what do you think is the likelihood of another terrorist attack in the United States during the time periods listed below? Note that numbers on the provided scales indicate the percentage chance that an attack is likely to take place. Please circle your selected value for each item.

Next Month 0 10 20 30 40 50 60 70 80 90 100

Next Year 0 10 20 30 40 50 60 70 80 90 100

Next 7 Years 0 10 20 30 40 50 60 70 80 90 100

**52)** In a brief paragraph, describe what the attack **CURRENTLY** means to you.

**53) AT THE PRESENT MOMENT**, what is your greatest concern as a result of the attack?

**54) AT THE PRESENT MOMENT**, how should the United States respond to the attack?

**55) AT THE PRESENT MOMENT**, who do you think is responsible for the attack?



**Demographic Information:**

1. What is your age? \_\_\_\_\_

2. Are you Male or Female? (circle one)

3. Are you a student? Yes No (circle one) If so:

3a. Where are you in school? \_\_\_\_\_

3b. What year are you in school? \_\_\_\_\_

4. What is your religion (optional)?

5. What is your race/ethnicity (optional)?

6. How would you describe your political beliefs or affiliation (optional)?

7. Where did you grow up?

8. Where do you consider home?

9. Did you get help filling out this survey? If so, from whom?

10. Did you read anything or hear anything that helped you fill out this survey?

11. In response to the 9/11 attacks, did you seek the following:

Psychological Counseling? Check: yes  no

Financial Assistance? Check: yes  no

12. Where did you get the current survey?

13. Did you see the movie Fahrenheit 9/11? Check: yes  no