

Americans' Opinions on National Security and Civil Liberties: An Infographic

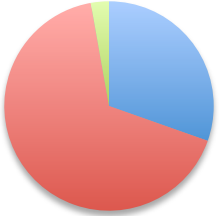
In 2011, Pew* asked a random sample of U.S. adults: "In order to curb terrorism in this country, do you think it will be necessary for the average person to give up some civil liberties, or not?"

**40%
said yes**

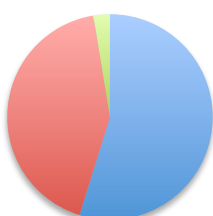
How does this break down by specific liberties?

■ In Favor ■ Oppose ■ Don't Know

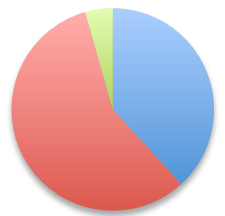
Government Monitoring Personal Emails/Calls



Must Carry & Show National ID to Police on Request



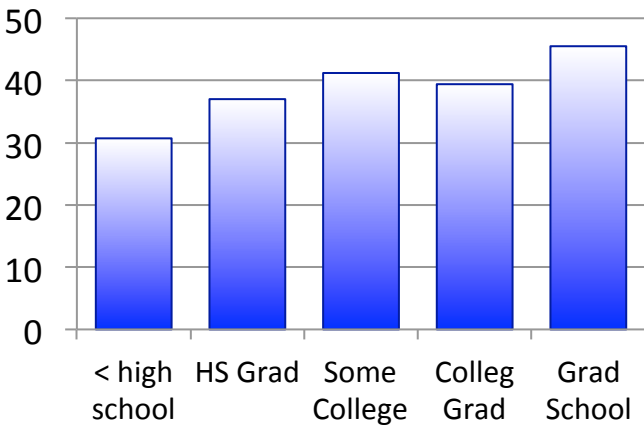
Government Monitoring Personal Credit Cards



Did these opinions hold consistent across demographic lines?

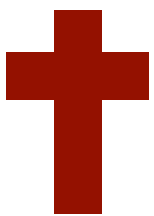
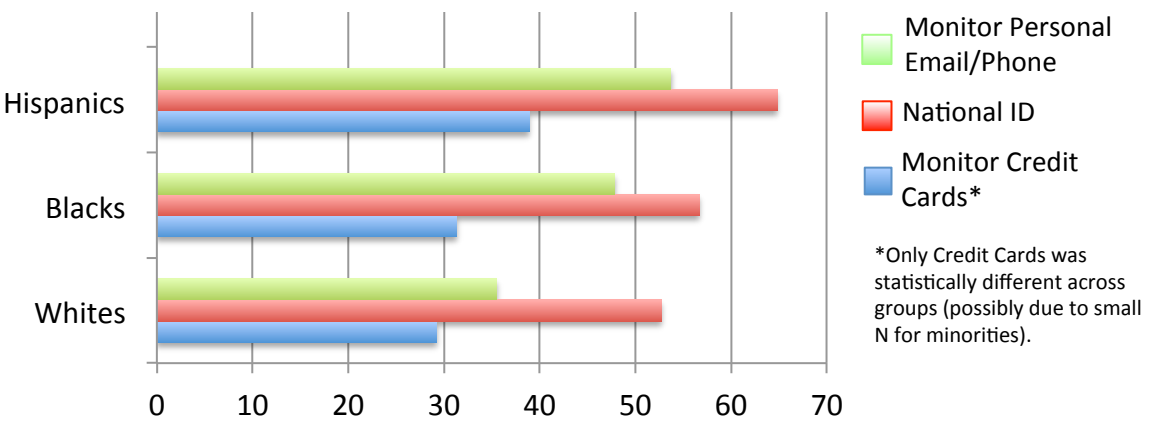


Men and women share similar beliefs.



General upward trend (but *ns* t-test) in % of Americans who think it's necessary to give up some civil liberties with increase in education level.

Racial Differences in % of Americans favoring the following government measures to curb terrorism



Religion matters.

Americans who identified themselves as religious favored government interventions—sometimes at a rate of 2 to 1—compared with atheists/agnostics.

Favor national ID?

58% vs. 39%

Monitor email/phone calls?

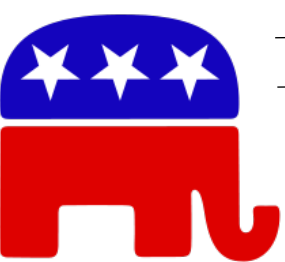
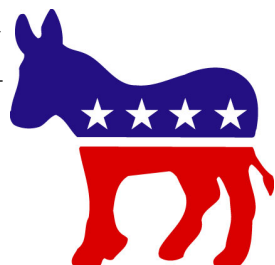
32% vs. 15%

Monitor credit cards?

39% vs. 28%

Breakdown by Party Lines

40%	Necessary to give up liberties?	42%
Do you favor the following:		
40%	Monitor email/phone calls?	26%
65%	National ID?	49%
43%	Monitor credit cards?	39%



*Source: Pew Research Center Aug 2011 Political Survey (<http://www.people-press.org/2011/08/21/august-2011-political-survey/>)