

## **Major National Findings**

- More than eight in 10 Americans (82%) are concerned there will be more terror attacks in the U.S.
- Just 44% of the American public has confidence in the government to protect the area in which they live from a terrorist attack. This figure has steadily decreased, from 49% in 2005, 53% in 2004 and 64% in 2003.
- More than half (54%) of the American public has confidence in the government to respond to a natural disaster or emergency weather event in their area.
- One third (33%) of the public is confident the government is ready to respond effectively to a bird flu pandemic.
- Less than one third (31%) believe their community has an adequate response plan currently in place in the event of a terrorist attack and about half (51%) in the case of natural disaster or emergency weather events – both unchanged from 2005.
- Just 28% are confident the health care system is ready to respond effectively to a biological, chemical, or nuclear attack, a decrease from 39% in 2005 and 2004, and down from 46% in 2003, and 53% in 2002. Less than a quarter of the American public (23%) is confident the health care system is ready to respond effectively to a bird flu pandemic.
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- Less than a third (31%) of Americans has a family emergency preparedness plan that all members of the family know about – unchanged from 2005. Asked why they had not prepared, 26% said they did not have the time, 22% said they are not sure what to do, and 21% said an emergency was unlikely.
- As found before Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, more than half (56%) would not evacuate their home or office to go to a distant location when ordered to do so, either because they would not leave or they would wait until concerns for children and loved ones are addressed.
- Across nearly all areas of confidence and perception, African-Americans have dramatically less favorable views compared to those of Whites and Latinos.
- Across nearly all areas of confidence and perception, Republicans have significantly differing views vs. those of Democrats and Independents

## **Major Louisiana and Mississippi Findings**

- More than three quarters (77%) of Louisiana and Mississippi residents are concerned there will another natural disaster or emergency weather event in their community compared to 54% nationally. In Louisiana, 87% of the public expressed concern while in Mississippi, 78% did.
- More than two thirds (68%) described themselves as “prepared” or “very prepared” versus 57% nationally. Between the states, two thirds (74%) of the Louisiana public reported themselves as prepared vs. 60% in Mississippi.
- About four in 10 (41%) of the Louisiana/Mississippi public reports having a family emergency preparedness plan that all members of the family know about, with the basic provisions set aside. Nationally, the figure is at 31%.
- With respect to a natural disaster or emergency weather event, less than half (47%) of the Louisiana/Mississippi public has confidence in the government to respond to a natural disaster or emergency weather event in their area vs. 54% nationally.
- Asked if the government’s response to Hurricane Katrina made them more likely to prepare for a major emergency, 63% of the Louisiana/Mississippi public said it did, versus 45% nationally.
- With respect to their communities, more than half (53%) believe their community has an adequate response plan currently in place in the case of natural disaster or emergency weather events – essentially the same as the nation (51%).

## **Major New York Findings**

- Less than one third (29%) believe their community has an adequate response plan currently in place in the event of a terrorist attack. The figure is similar (31%) nationally.
- Just 37% believe their community has an adequate response plan in place for natural disaster or emergency weather event, as opposed to 51% nationally. Less than half (47%) have confidence in the government to respond (54% nationally).
- When asked about a terror attack in their community, 34% of New Yorkers felt prepared, close to the national total of 33%. When asked about a natural disaster or emergency weather event, less than half (45%) described themselves as prepared, compared to 57% nationally and 68% in Louisiana and Mississippi.
- Only about a quarter (26%) of New Yorkers report having a family emergency preparedness plan that all members of the family know about and with the basic provisions. Nationally, the figure is at 31% and in Louisiana and Mississippi, 41%.

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