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## American and International Opinion on the Rights of Terrorism Suspects

### International Questionnaire

INT-Q5: Please tell me whether you think that, in the area of advancing human rights in other countries, the United States does:

	<b>US</b>	<b>Russia</b>	<b>UK</b>	<b>Germany</b>	<b>Poland</b>	<b>India</b>
	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)
A very good job .....	14	4	4	1	5	20
<i>1998*</i> .....	15	-	7	11	-	-
A good job.....	58	20	35	15	47	26
<i>1998</i> .....	63	-	52	50	-	-
A bad job.....	21	41	34	44	27	19
<i>1998</i> .....	16	-	20	21	-	-
A very bad job.....	5	15	22	34	6	0
<i>1998</i> .....	2	-	2	3	-	-
(DK/No Answer).....	3	20	5	6	16	35
<i>1998</i> .....	5	-	20	15	-	-

INT-Q6: As you may know, the [COUNTRY] has signed treaties that prohibit governments from holding people in secret and that require that the International Committee of the Red Cross to have access to them. Do you think that these treaties are

	<b>US</b>	<b>UK</b>	<b>Germany</b>	<b>Poland</b>	<b>India</b>
	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)
Important for making sure governments treat people humanely.....	73	64	72	60	42
Too restrictive because our government needs to have all options available when dealing with threats like terrorism.....	23	32	22	24	26
(DK/No Answer).....	4	4	6	16	32

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\* Data from 1998 surveys conducted by USIA Office of Research

INT-Q10: Is it your impression that current US policies for detaining people it has captured and is holding in Guantanamo Bay are or are not legal, according to international treaties on the treatment of detainees?

	<b>US</b> (%)	<b>UK</b> (%)	<b>Germany</b> (%)	<b>Poland</b> (%)	<b>India</b> (%)
Are legal.....	52	22	8	18	28
Are not legal.....	38	65	85	50	34
(DK/No Answer).....	9	14	7	32	38

INT-Q12: STATEMENT: As you may know, the [COUNTRY] has signed treaties that limit what a government can do to pressure detainees to give information. Here are some methods that are not allowed. For each one please say whether you approve of having a rule against it or if you think such a rule is too restrictive.

Q12a. Using physical torture

	<b>US</b> (%)	<b>UK</b> (%)	<b>Germany</b> (%)	<b>Poland</b> (%)	<b>India</b> (%)
Approve rule against.....	75	53	76	67	35
Rule too restrictive.....	21	45	21	27	39
(DK/No Answer).....	4	2	3	6	27

Q12b. Threatening physical torture

	<b>US</b> (%)	<b>UK</b> (%)	<b>Germany</b> (%)	<b>Poland</b> (%)	<b>India</b> (%)
Approve rule against	60	43	69	54	33
Rule too restrictive	37	53	28	38	39
(DK/No Answer)	3	4	3	8	28

Q12c. Treating detainees in a way that is humiliating or degrading

	<b>US</b> (%)	<b>UK</b> (%)	<b>Germany</b> (%)	<b>Poland</b> (%)	<b>India</b> (%)
Approve rule against	61	43	72	59	32
Rule too restrictive	36	53	25	32	42
(DK/No Answer)	4	4	3	8	25

INT-Q21: Is it your impression that the US government is

	<b>US</b> (%)	<b>UK</b> (%)	<b>Germany</b> (%)	<b>Poland</b> (%)	<b>India</b> (%)
Currently allowing interrogators to use to use torture to get information from suspected terrorists.....	47	62	76	49	33
Making every effort to make sure that interrogators never use torture.....	45	27	14	24	23
(DK/No Answer).....	8	12	10	27	44

INT-Q30: When acts of torture have been committed by military personnel, but their commander says that he or she did not order it and was not aware of it, should the commander be held responsible or not held responsible?

	<b>US</b> (%)	<b>UK</b> (%)	<b>Germany</b> (%)	<b>Poland</b> (%)	<b>India</b> (%)
Held responsible.....	58	73	72	59	41
Not held responsible .....	37	23	21	31	27
(DK/No Answer).....	5	4	6	10	32

INT-ONLY: If the US requests permission to fly through [COUNTRY'S] airspace when it is transporting a terrorism suspect to a country that has a reputation for using torture, do you think [COUNTRY] should allow the US to do this or do you think that it should refuse permission?

	<b>UK</b> (%)	<b>Germany</b> (%)	<b>Poland</b> (%)	<b>India</b> (%)
Should allow US to fly through airspace.....	26	35	36	28
Should refuse permission.....	66	55	48	42
(DK/No Answer).....	7	10	16	30

**METHODOLOGY**

In the United States, the poll of 1059 respondents was fielded June 27-July 2 with a margin of error of +/- 3.1-4.3% depending on the sample size for each question. The poll was fielded by Knowledge Networks, using its nationwide panel, which is randomly selected from the entire adult population and subsequently provided internet access. For more information about this methodology, go to [www.knowledgenetworks.com/ganp](http://www.knowledgenetworks.com/ganp).

In India, the nationwide poll of 1639 respondents was conducted June 19-25 using face-to-face interviews and was fielded by C-Voter with a margin of error of +/- 2.5%. In Germany, the nationwide poll of 1002 Respondents was conducted by telephone June 6-25 and was fielded by Ri\*Questa GmbH. In Great Britain, the nationwide poll of 1004 respondents was conducted by telephone June 13-25 and was fielded by ICM Direct. In Poland, the nationwide poll of 1639 respondents was conducted June 9-13 using face-to-face interviews and was fielded by TNS-OBOP. The Polish, German and British polls all had a margin of error of +/- 3.2.