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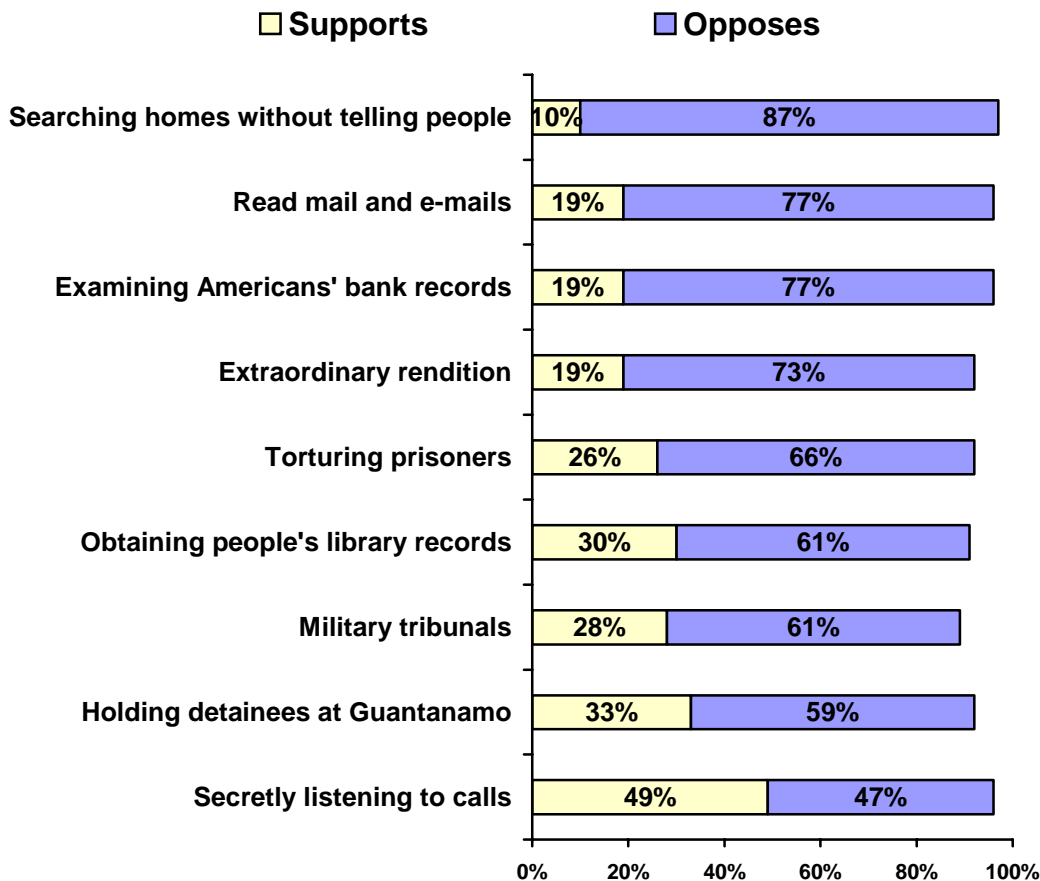
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## **Voters Want Congressional Candidates Who Will Stand Up for Checks and Balances in Terrorism Policies**

**September 2006**

**PENNSYLVANIA**  
**Candidate on Terrorism Policies**



Q17-25. In thinking about who you might vote for this year for Congress and Senate, please tell me if you are more likely to vote for a candidate who supports each of the following to help the country fight terrorism or are more likely to vote for a candidate who opposes this: [RANDOMIZE Q17-Q25]First, [READ ITEM]. Are you more likely to vote for the candidate who supports or opposes this?

Q17. The government secretly listening to telephone calls of Americans the government believes may have ties to terrorists without a court warrant.

Q18. The government opening and reading Americans' mail and e-mails without telling them.

Q19. The government secretly examining bank records of Americans without a court warrant.

Q20. Allowing government agents to search people's homes without telling them.

Q21. Allowing government agents to obtain people's library records from librarians without telling the individuals.

Q22. The government holding detainees at Guantanamo military base as it has for the past five years without charging them with a crime or without access to a lawyer.

Q23. The government torturing prisoners to gather information about terrorism.

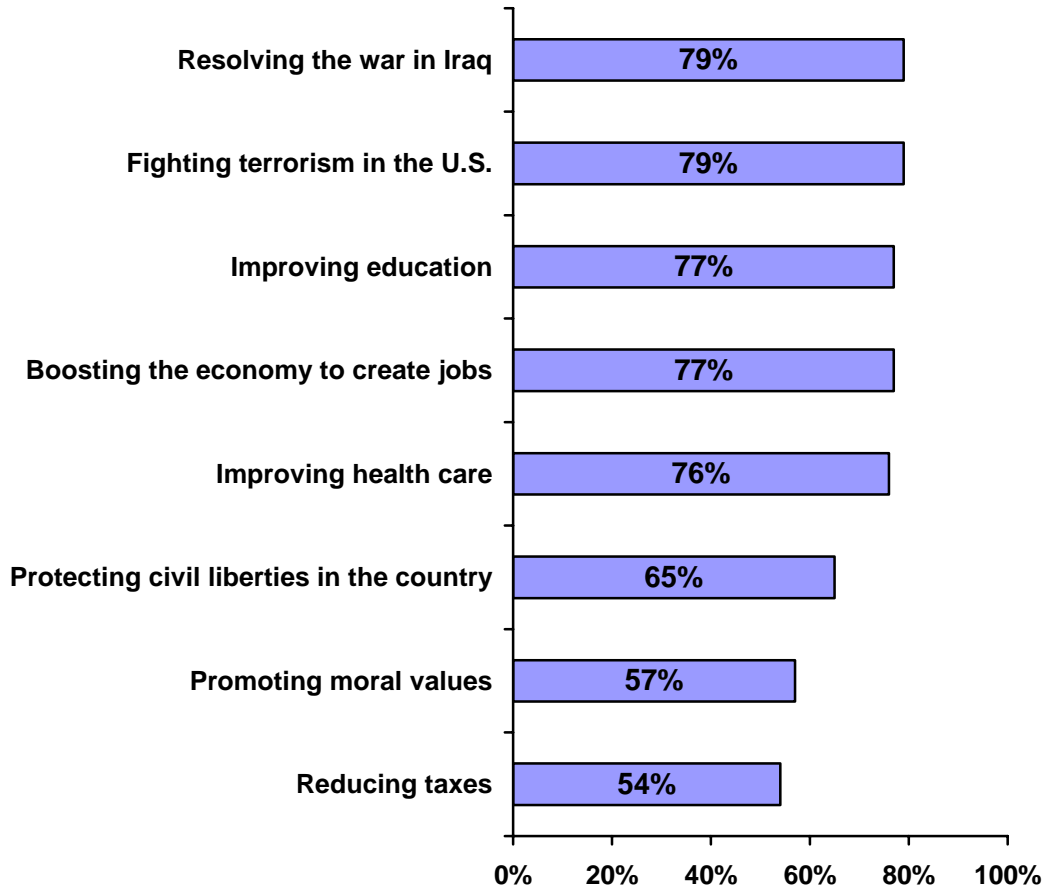
Q24. Putting detainees at Guantanamo military base on trial in military tribunals at which the suspects are NOT allowed to see all of the evidence against them and the government could use hearsay evidence obtained during the interrogation of other terrorist suspects.

Q25. Allowing government agents to capture people in foreign countries and secretly fly them to other countries, and then torture them to gather information about terrorism.

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**Important Issues for Congressional Elections**  
% answering "one of single most important" or "very important"

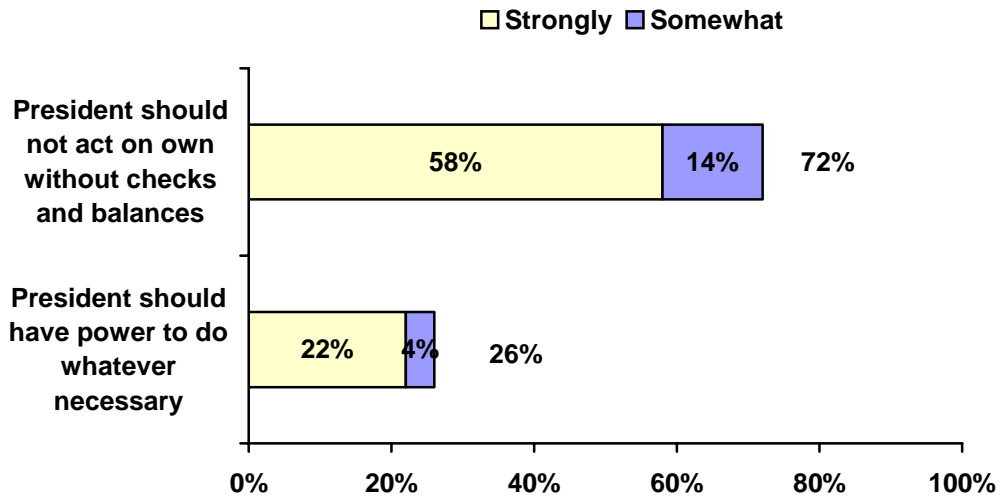
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Q2-Q9. For each item I name, please tell me how important it will be in your vote for Congress this year. Will it be one of the single most important issues, very important, somewhat important or not very important?

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**Keep Checks and Balances**

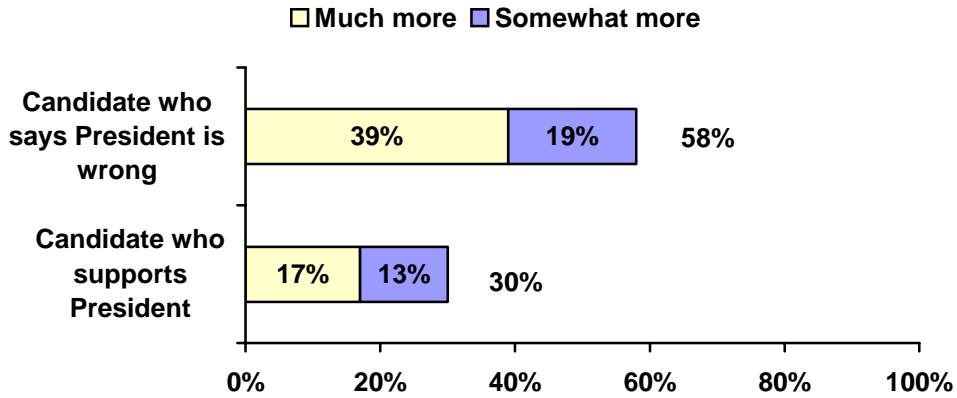


Q16. With whom do you agree more? Those who say: The President should have the power to take whatever actions he believes are necessary to protect the country from terrorists OR Those who say: The President should NOT be acting on his own in deciding how to fight terrorism without the checks and balances of the courts or Congress? Is that strongly or somewhat?

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**Candidates on President's Terrorism Policies**

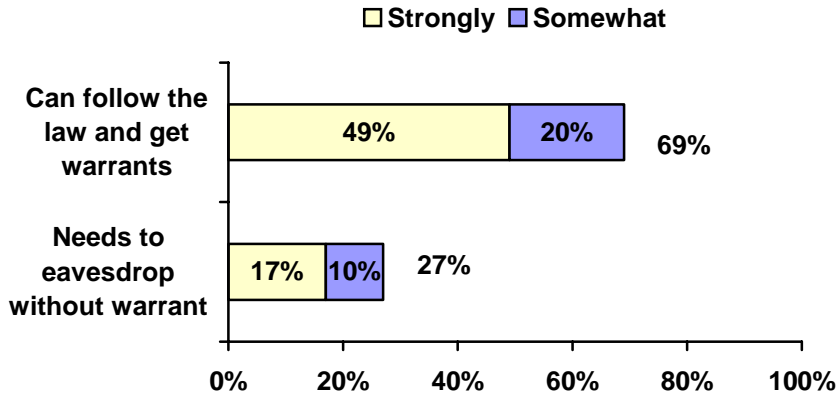
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Q29. Suppose there were two candidates for Congress in your district with different views. One strongly supports the actions the President has taken in the name of fighting terrorism and says we should be willing to give up some civil liberties to keep Americans safe. Another says the President is wrong when he violates our laws and civil liberties in the name of fighting terrorism and we can protect America and at the same time uphold the Constitution. Based on this issue, which of these candidates would you be more likely to support, or would this make no difference to you? Is that much more or somewhat more?

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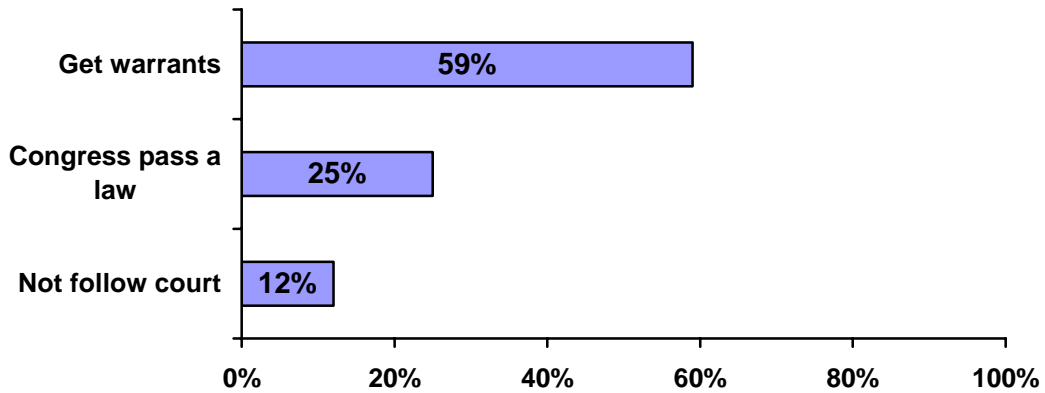
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**President Must Get Warrant**



Q26. Here are two Candidates running for Congress. Which Candidate do you agree with more: Candidate A: who says the President needs the ability to eavesdrop on Americans without a court warrant in order to fight against terrorism, OR, Candidate B: who says the President can just as effectively combat terrorism by following the law and getting court warrants to spy on Americans? Is that strongly or somewhat candidate [A/B]?

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**Court Warrants**

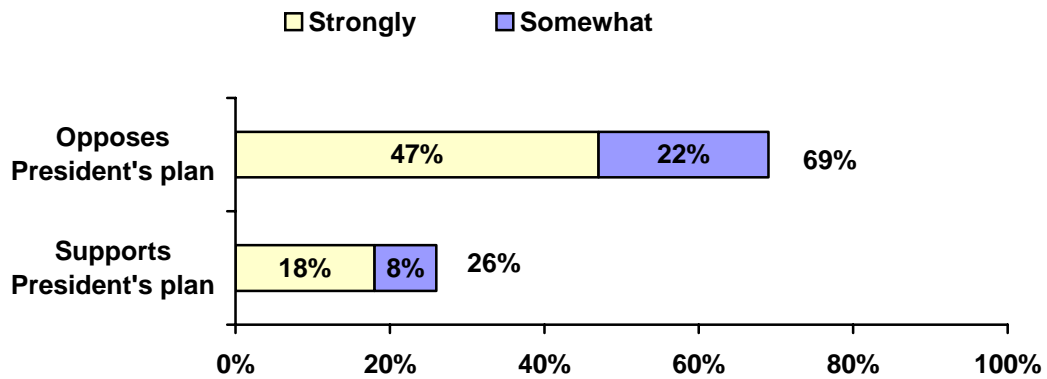


Q27. Recently a federal court has ruled that the government's secret program of eavesdropping on American citizens without getting a warrant violated the law and the U.S. Constitution. What do you think should happen next? A) The President should follow the court's ruling and have federal agents get warrants before they eavesdrop on the telephone calls of Americans, B) The President should not follow the court's decision if he believes he needs warrantless eavesdropping to fight terrorism, OR C) Congress should pass a law to overturn the court's decision and legalize warrantless eavesdropping of Americans' telephone calls in order to fight terrorism.

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## PENNSYLVANIA Military Tribunals at Guantanamo

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Q28. Here are two Candidates running for Congress. Which Candidate do you agree with more: Candidate A: who says he supports the President's plan to put detainees at Guantanamo on trial without allowing them to see all the evidence against them in order to fight against terrorism, OR, Candidate B: who says he opposes the President's plan because we can just as effectively combat terrorism by following the law and giving detainees the right to hear the evidence against them? Is that strongly or somewhat candidate [A/B]?

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