# Sources of Blame Attribution: Citizen Attitudes towards Public Officials after 9/11

Variables & Inclusion Criteria

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## METHODOLOGY

The study used a short Internet-based survey experiment to test whether party cues affect people's attitudes about the responsibility of three government officials in making America vulnerable to the 9/11 attacks: CIA Director George Tenet, FBI Director Louis Freeh, and Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan. The survey was conducted by Knowledge Networks (KN) over the Internet in Feburary 2007, using a nationally representative sample of 1015 American adults. KN recruits panel members over the telephone via random digit dialing (RDD) and provides them with WebTV equipment in exchange for their participation in weekly surveys, which they complete online. All Americans were sampled from the KN panel.

## QUESTIONNAIRE

***Sample Fielded***
February 14, 2007 n= 1015

## VARIABLES

### Case Information

A. CASEID
*Numeric Variable*

This field indicates the unique case identification number.

B. WEIGHT
*Numeric Variable*

This field indicates the post-stratification weight.

### Interview Details

A. TM_START
*Date Variable*

This field indicates the interview start time.

B. TM_END
*Date Variable*

This field indicates the interview finish time.

### Demographic Variables

A. PPGENDER
*Numeric Variable*

This field contains the numeric response to the statement, “What is your gender?”

The codes for the responses are as follows:

| Gender | Value |
|---|---|
| Not Asked | -2 |
| REFUSED | -1 |
| Male | 1 |
| Female | 2 |

B. PPETHM
*Numeric Variable*

This field contains the numeric code for the race/ethnicity of the respondent.

| Race/Ethnicity | Value |
|---|---|
| Not Asked | -2 |
| REFUSED | -1 |
| White, Non-Hispanic | 1 |
| Black/African-American, Non-Hispanic | 2 |
| Other, Non-Hispanic | 3 |
| Hispanic | 4 |
| 2+ Races, Non-Hispanic | 5 |

C. PPMARIT
*Numeric Variable*

This field contains the numeric response to the statement, “Are you currently…”

The codes for the responses are as follows:

| Marital Status | Value |
|---|---|
| Not Asked | -2 |
| REFUSED | -1 |
| Married | 1 |
| Single (never married) | 2 |
| Divorced | 3 |
| Widowed | 4 |
| Separated | 5 |

D. PPWORK
*Numeric Variable*

This field contains the numeric response to the statement, “Which statement best describes your current employment status?”

The codes for the responses are as follows:

| Current Employment Status | Value |
|---|---|
| Not Asked | -2 |
| REFUSED | -1 |
| I work as a paid employee | 1 |
| I am self-employed | 2 |
| I am an owner/partner in small business, professional practice, farm | 3 |
| I work at least 15 hrs/wk without pay in family business/farm | 4 |
| I am unemployed, temporarily laid off, but looking for work | 5 |
| I am retired | 6 |
| I am disabled | 7 |
| I am a homemaker | 8 |
| Other | 9 |

E. WORKOLD
*Numeric Variable*

This field contains the numeric code for the current employment status of the respondent.

The codes for the responses are as follows:

| Current Employment Status | Value |
|---|---|
| Not Asked | -2 |
| REFUSED | -1 |
| Working full time | 1 |
| Working part time | 2 |
| With a job, but on medical leave, vacation, or strike | 3 |
| Unemployed, temporarily laid off, or looking for work | 4 |
| Retired | 5 |
| Homemaker | 6 |
| In school, also working full or part time | 7 |
| In school, not working for pay | 8 |

**Age**

A. PPAGE
*Numeric Variable*

This field contains the age of the respondent in years.

Additional codes for the responses are as follows:

| Age | Value |
|---|---|
| Not Asked | -2 |
| REFUSED | -1 |

B. PPAGECT4
*Numeric Variable*

This field contains the numeric code for the age of the respondent broken into four ranges.

The codes for the responses are as follows:

| Age | Value |
|---|---|
| 18-29 | 1 |
| 30-44 | 2 |
| 45-59 | 3 |
| 60+ | 4 |
| Age Missing/Under 18 | 99 |

C. PPAGECAT
*Numeric Variable*

This field contains the numeric code for the age of the respondent broken into seven ranges.

The codes for the responses are as follows:

| Age | Value |
|---|---|
| 18-24 | 1 |
| 25-34 | 2 |
| 35-44 | 3 |
| 45-54 | 4 |
| 55-64 | 5 |
| 65-74 | 6 |
| 75+ | 7 |
| Age Missing/Under 18 | 99 |

**Education**

A. PPEDUC
*Numeric Variable*

This field contains the numeric response to the statement, "What is the highest degree or level of education that you have completed?"

The codes for the responses are as follows:

| Education | Value |
|---|---|
| Not Asked | -2 |
| REFUSED | -1 |
| Less than HS | 1 |
| Some HS, no diploma | 2 |
| Graduated from HS – Diploma or equivalent (GED) | 3 |
| Some college, no degree | 4 |
| Associate degree (AA, AS) | 5 |
| Bachelors degree | 6 |
| Masters degree | 7 |
| Professional degree (MD, DDS, LLB, JD) | 8 |
| Doctorate degree | 9 |

B. PPEDUCAT
*Numeric Variable*

This field contains the numeric code for education broken into four categories.

The codes for the responses are as follows:

| Education | Value |
|---|---|
| Not Asked | -2 |
| REFUSED | -1 |
| Less than HS | 1 |
| HS | 2 |
| Some college | 3 |
| Bachelor's degree or higher | 4 |

**Political Ideology and Party Affiliation**

A. xIDEO
*Numeric Variable*

This field contains the numeric code for the political ideology of the respondent.

The codes for the responses are as follows:

| Political Ideology | Value |
|---|---|
| Extremely Liberal | 1 |
| Liberal | 2 |
| Slightly Liberal | 3 |
| Moderate, Middle of the Road | 4 |
| Slightly Conservative | 5 |
| Conservative | 6 |

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|---|---|
| Extremely Conservative | 7 |
| Blank | 8 |
| Missing | 9 |

B. xPARTY7
*Numeric Variable*

This field indicates the detailed description of the party that the respondent belongs to.

The codes for the responses are as follows:

| **Political Party** | **Value** |
|---|---|
| Strong Republican | 1 |
| Not Strong Republican | 2 |
| Leans Republican | 3 |
| Undecided/Independent/Other | 4 |
| Leans Democrat | 5 |
| Not Strong Democrat | 6 |
| Strong Democrat | 7 |
| Blank | 8 |
| Missing | 9 |

**Region of Residence**

A. PPREG4
*Numeric Variable*

This field contains the numeric code for the region in which the respondent resides broken into four categories.

The codes for the responses are as follows:

| **Region** | **Value** |
|---|---|
| Not Asked | -2 |
| REFUSED | -1 |
| Northeast | 1 |
| Midwest | 2 |
| South | 3 |
| West | 4 |

B. PPREG9
*Numeric Variable*

This field contains the numeric code for the region in which the respondent resides broken into nine categories.

The codes for the responses are as follows:

| Region | Value |
|---|---|
| New England | 1 |
| Mid-Atlantic | 2 |
| East-North Central | 3 |
| West-North Central | 4 |
| South Atlantic | 5 |
| East-South Central | 6 |
| West-South Central | 7 |
| Mountain | 8 |
| Pacific | 9 |
| Missing | 99 |

C. PPSTATEN
*Numeric Variable*

This field contains the numeric code for the state in which the respondent resides.

The codes for the responses are as follows:

| State | Value |
|---|---|
| Not Asked | -2 |
| REFUSED | -1 |
| ME | 11 |
| NH | 12 |
| VT | 13 |
| MA | 14 |
| RI | 15 |
| CT | 16 |
| NY | 21 |
| NJ | 22 |
| PA | 23 |
| OH | 31 |
| IN | 32 |
| IL | 33 |
| MI | 34 |
| WI | 35 |
| MN | 41 |
| IA | 42 |
| MO | 43 |
| ND | 44 |
| SD | 45 |
| NE | 46 |
| KS | 47 |
| DE | 51 |

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|---|---|
| MD | 52 |
| DC | 53 |
| VA | 54 |
| WV | 55 |
| NC | 56 |
| SC | 57 |
| GA | 58 |
| FL | 59 |
| KY | 61 |
| TN | 62 |
| AL | 63 |
| MS | 64 |
| AR | 71 |
| LA | 72 |
| OK | 73 |
| TX | 74 |
| MT | 81 |
| ID | 82 |
| WY | 83 |
| CO | 84 |
| NM | 85 |
| AZ | 86 |
| UT | 87 |
| NV | 88 |
| WA | 91 |
| OR | 92 |
| CA | 93 |
| AK | 94 |
| HI | 95 |

D. PPMSACAT
*Numeric Variable*

This field contains the numeric code for whether the respondent lived in a metro or non-metro area.

The codes for the responses are as follows:

| **MSA** | **Value** |
|---|---|
| Not Asked | -2 |
| REFUSED | -1 |
| Non-Metro | 0 |
| Metro | 1 |

E. PPRENT

*Numeric Variable*

This field contains the numeric response to the statement, "Do you own or rent your residence?"

The codes for the responses are as follows:

| **Ownership Status** | **Value** |
|---|---|
| Not Asked | -2 |
| REFUSED | -1 |
| Own | 1 |
| Rent | 2 |
| Do not pay for housing | 3 |

**Household Information**

A. PPHHHEAD
*Numeric Variable*

This field contains the numeric code for whether the respondent was the head of the household.

The codes for the responses are as follows:

| **Household Head** | **Value** |
|---|---|
| Not Asked | -2 |
| REFUSED | -1 |
| No | 0 |
| Yes | 1 |

B. PPHHSIZE
*Numeric Variable*

This field contains the count of the size of the respondent's household.

The codes for the responses are as follows:

| **Household Size** | **Value** |
|---|---|
| Not Asked | -2 |
| REFUSED | -1 |

C. PPHOUSE
*Numeric Variable*

This field contains the numeric response to the statement, "Which of these types of housing best describes where you live?"

The codes for the responses are as follows:

| **Household Type** | **Value** |
|---|---|
| Not Asked | -2 |
| REFUSED | -1 |
| A single-family house detached | 1 |
| A single-family house attached | 2 |
| An apartment | 3 |
| A condominium or co-op | 4 |
| College Dormitory | 5 |
| A manufactured or mobile home | 6 |
| Other | 7 |

D. PPDUALIN
*Numeric Variable*

This field contains the numeric code for the question of whether the respondent came from a dual income household.

The codes for the responses are as follows:

| **Dual Income Household** | **Value** |
|---|---|
| Not Asked | -2 |
| REFUSED | -1 |
| No | 0 |
| Yes | 1 |

E. PPINCIMP
*Numeric Variable*

This field contains the numeric code for the household income broken into nineteen categories.

The codes for the responses are as follows:

| **Household Income** | **Value** |
|---|---|
| Not Asked | -2 |
| REFUSED | -1 |
| Less than $5,000 | 1 |
| $5,000 to $7,499 | 2 |
| $7,500 to $9,999 | 3 |
| $10,000 to $12,499 | 4 |

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|---|---|
| $12,500 to $14,999 | 5 |
| $15,000 to $19,999 | 6 |
| $20,000 to $24,999 | 7 |
| $25,000 to $29,999 | 8 |
| $30,000 to $34,999 | 9 |
| $35,000 to $39,999 | 10 |
| $40,000 to $49,999 | 11 |
| $50,000 to $59,999 | 12 |
| $60,000 to $74,999 | 13 |
| $75,000 to $84,999 | 14 |
| $85,000 to $99,999 | 15 |
| $100,000 to $124,999 | 16 |
| $125,000 to $149,999 | 17 |
| $150,000 to $174,999 | 18 |
| $175,000 or more | 19 |

F. PPNET
*Numeric Variable*

This field contains the numeric code for whether the respondent's household had internet access.

The codes for the responses are as follows:

| **Internet Access** | **Value** |
|---|---|
| Not Asked | -2 |
| REFUSED | -1 |
| No | 0 |
| Yes | 1 |

**Household Members**

A. PPT01
*Numeric Variable*

This field contains a count of the number of household members who are children under 2 years old.

Additional codes for the responses are as follows:

| **Age 0-2** | **Value** |
|---|---|
| Not Asked | -2 |
| REFUSED | -1 |

A. PPT25
*Numeric Variable*

This field contains a count of the number of household members who are children between the ages of 2 and 5.

Additional codes for the responses are as follows:

| **Age 2-5** | **Value** |
|---|---|
| Not Asked | -2 |
| REFUSED | -1 |

B. PPT612
*Numeric Variable*

This field contains a count of the number of household members who are children between the ages of 6 and 12.

Additional codes for the responses are as follows:

| **Age 6-12** | **Value** |
|---|---|
| Not Asked | -2 |
| REFUSED | -1 |

C. PPT1317
*Numeric Variable*

This field contains a count of the number of household members who are children between the ages of 13 and 17.

Additional codes for the responses are as follows:

| **Age 13-17** | **Value** |
|---|---|
| Not Asked | -2 |
| REFUSED | -1 |

D. PPT18OV
*Numeric Variable*

This field contains a count of the number of household members who are adults 18 years old and above.

Additional codes for the responses are as follows:

| Age 18+ | Value |
|---|---|
| Not Asked | -2 |
| REFUSED | -1 |

**Experimental Condition**

A. RanForm
*Numeric Variable*

This field indicates whether the respondent received Form A or Form B.

The codes for the responses are as follows:

| Form | Value |
|---|---|
| Form A | 1 |
| Form B | 2 |

B. COND1
*Numeric Variable*

This field indicates the experimental condition for Question 3.

The codes for the responses are as follows:

| Experimental Condition | Value |
|---|---|
| A-A REPUBLICAN APPOINTEE | 1 |
| B-A DEMOCRATIC APPOINTEE | 2 |
| C-CONTROL GROUP | 3 |

C. COND2
*Numeric Variable*

This field indicates the experimental condition for Question 4.

The codes for the responses are as follows:

| Experimental Condition | Value |
|---|---|
| A-A REPUBLICAN APPOINTEE | 1 |
| B-A DEMOCRATIC APPOINTEE | 2 |
| C-CONTROL GROUP | 3 |

D. COND3
*Numeric Variable*

This field indicates the experimental condition for Question 5.

The codes for the responses are as follows:

| Experimental Condition | Value |
|---|---|
| A-A REPUBLICAN APPOINTEE | 1 |
| B-A DEMOCRATIC APPOINTEE | 2 |
| C-CONTROL GROUP | 3 |

E. q7CONDI
*Numeric Variable*

This field indicates the experimental condition for Question 7.

The codes for the responses are as follows:

| Experimental Condition | Value |
|---|---|
| Q7A | 1 |
| Q7B | 2 |
| Q7C | 3 |
| Q7D | 4 |

**Order**

A. O1_Q3Q5
*Numeric Variable*

This field indicates which Question was shown first to the respondent.

The codes for the responses are as follows:

| Question Order | Value |
|---|---|
| Q3 | 1 |
| Q4 | 2 |
| Q5 | 3 |

B. O2_Q3Q5
*Numeric Variable*

This field indicates which Question was shown second to the respondent.

The codes for the responses are as follows:

| Question Order | Value |
|---|---|
| Q3 | 1 |
| Q4 | 2 |
| Q5 | 3 |

C. O3_Q3Q5
*Numeric Variable*

This field indicates which Question was shown third to the respondent.

The codes for the responses are as follows:

| Question Order | Value |
|---|---|
| Q3 | 1 |
| Q4 | 2 |
| Q5 | 3 |

**Questions from Questionnaire**

**Question 1:** How sad do the events of September 11th make you feel?

A. Q1
*Numeric Variable*

The codes for the responses are as follows:

| September 11th Feelings | Value |
|---|---|
| Refused | -1 |
| A Great Deal | 1 |
| A Lot | 2 |
| A Moderate Amount | 3 |
| A Little | 4 |
| Not at All | 5 |

**Question 2:** How personally important to you are the events of September 11th?

A. Q2
*Numeric Variable*

The codes for the responses are as follows:

| September 11th Importance | Value |
|---|---|
| Refused | -1 |
| Extremely Important | 1 |
| Very Important | 2 |
| Moderately Important | 3 |
| Slightly Important | 4 |
| Not Important at All | 5 |

**Question 3:** How much is CIA Director George Tenet, _____ to blame for making America vulnerable to the attacks on September 11th?

A. Q3
*Numeric Variable*

The codes for the responses are as follows:

| CIA Director George Tenet | Value |
|---|---|
| Refused | -1 |
| A Great Deal | 1 |
| A Lot | 2 |
| A Moderate Amount | 3 |
| A Little | 4 |
| Not at All | 5 |

**Question 4:** How much is FBI Director Louis Freeh, _____ to blame for making America vulnerable to the attacks on September 11th?

A. Q4
*Numeric Variable*

The codes for the responses are as follows:

| FBI Director Louis Freeh | Value |
|---|---|
| Refused | -1 |
| A Great Deal | 1 |
| A Lot | 2 |
| A Moderate Amount | 3 |
| A Little | 4 |
| Not at All | 5 |

**Question 5:** How much is Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan, _____ to blame for making America vulnerable to the attacks on September 11th?

A. Q5
*Numeric Variable*

The codes for the responses are as follows:

| Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan | Value |
|---|---|
| Refused | -1 |
| A Great Deal | 1 |
| A Lot | 2 |
| A Moderate Amount | 3 |
| A Little | 4 |

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|---|---|
| Not at All | 5 |

**Question 6:** Who is more to blame for making America vulnerable to the attacks on September 11th?

A. Q6
*Numeric Variable*

The codes for the responses are as follows:

| **Who Blame Vulnerability** | **Value** |
|---|---|
| Refused | -1 |
| CIA Director George Tenet | 1 |
| FBI Director Louis Freeh | 2 |

**Question 7A:** What percentage of blame do you place on the following individual?

A. Q7A_MB
*Numeric Variable*

This field indicates the percentage of blame attributed to Federal Emergency Management Agency Director Michael Brown.

B. Q7A_GB
*Numeric Variable*

This field indicates the percentage of blame attributed to President George W. Bush.

C. Q7A_KB
*Numeric Variable*

This field indicates the percentage of blame attributed to Louisiana Governor Kathleen Blanco.

D. Q7A_RN
*Numeric Variable*

This field indicates the percentage of blame attributed to New Orleans Mayor Ray Nagin.

E. Q7A_TOT
*Numeric Variable*

This field indicates the total percentage of blame attributed.

[Note: Question 7 is broken up into four different sets of variables, depending on what number the respondent received in q7CONDI. For coding inquiries regarding variables beginning with Q7B_, Q7C_, Q7D_, please refer to the corresponding Q7A_ variable above.]

**Question 8:** Even though the 2008 presidential election will not occur for almost another two years, what is your best guess of what you will do on Election Day?

A. Q8
*Numeric Variable*

The codes for the responses are as follows:

| **Election Day** | **Value** |
|---|---|
| Refused | -1 |
| Definitely vote for the Republican Candidate | 1 |
| Probably vote for the Republican Candidate | 2 |
| Not sure who I am going to vote fore | 3 |
| Probably vote for the Democratic Candidate | 4 |
| Definitely vote for the Democratic Candidate | 5 |