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# Student Poll Puzzled by Thoughts of War

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A Guardsman poll was taken on the Phelan Campus on Sept. 19 asking City College students their feelings on the recent attacks.

The survey consisted of 11 questions ranging from whether a war would solve our problem with terrorists to whether or not we should rebuild the World Trade Center. Approximately 200 students were polled in this survey.

When asked if they thought Osama bin Laden was behind these attacks, 57 percent said they were unsure while 40 percent said they were sure that he was.

When asked whether or not we should take military action, City College students were split. Some 31 percent polled said we should take action against Afghanistan with 29 percent saying we should not and 40 percent uncertain.

If Afghanistan were attacked, 13 percent of the students polled felt that military action would rid the U.S. of future terrorist attacks.

Seventy-seven percent of the students felt that this course of action would not stop future terrorist attacks and 10 percent did not have an opinion.

At least 56 percent of the people polled felt that the U.S. is responsible for creating an environment that leads to terrorism, while 25 percent felt that the U.S. is a country of tolerance and love and is not responsible for creating a terrorist-breeding environment. 19 percent had no opinion.

President George Bush declared in his speech the night of the attacks that "We are at war." While Bush is certain we are at war, 50 percent of those polled felt we are not.

Only 37 percent are behind President Bush's statement and 12 percent are unsure.

If war were to start, the Selective Service could use

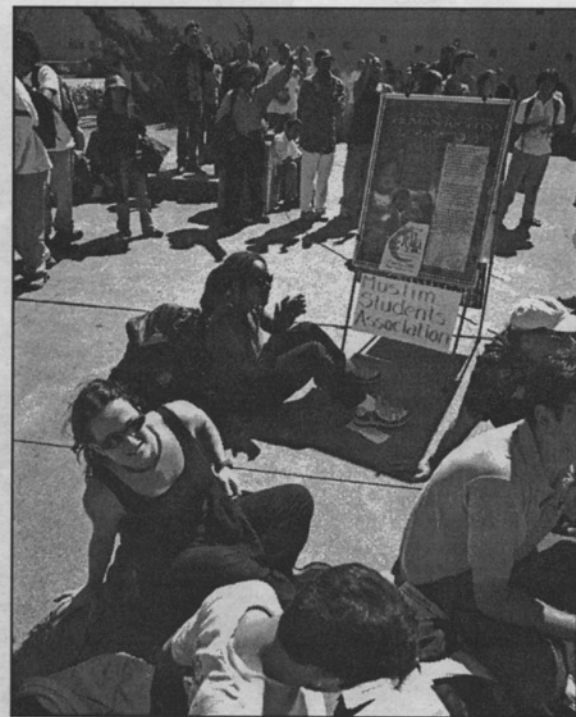


Photo by Ted Mendez

Students at City College hold a variety of opinions on the Sept. 11 attack and its ramifications.

the draft to call young men into service. Fifty-four percent said if they were drafted, they would not join the armed services.

When students were asked about the draft, 55 percent of the students polled said it should not be re-instituted, 20 percent think that it should, and 25 percent were uncertain.

Perhaps what hit the American people hardest was the sense that the nation is no longer safe. No one is certain when, or if, there will be more terrorist attacks.

At least 66 percent of the students polled felt the nation is not safe from terrorist attacks, while 17 percent are still unsure and only 16 percent felt completely safe.

As in the case of 1996 Oklahoma City Bombing, a terrorist can be anyone, even a next-door neighbor. Overwhelmingly, 87 percent of those polled felt terrorists still live in the United States, with 10 percent unsure and 3 percent saying

the U.S. is terrorist free.

Even though the remains of the World Trade Center have not been completely cleaned up, 48 percent of the students polled to felt that it should be rebuilt, 27 percent felt it should not be rebuilt, and 24 percent held no opinion.

However, 56 percent of the students polled felt that the site of the World Trade Center should be turned into a memorial plaza, 20 percent felt that it should not, and 24 percent held no opinion.

*(Editor's Note: Journalism 19 and Journalism 21 students conducted this poll: Timmothy Faaita, Brian Ansoon, Carlos Cruz, Daniel Williams, Meegan Rivera, Nicole Rufer, Raquel Munoz, Marcus Miller, Johnny Mack, Roami Dicks, Daniel Jenkins, Faramarz Malieki, Jeff McCluney, Arcadia Smails, Tomas Valdespino, Francisco Fernandez, Thomas Bennett, Jessica Eng, Tom Orpen, and Wes Miller.)*