

Mount Sinai South Nassau Truth in Medicine Poll: 9-11

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METHODOLOGY

- Poll of 600 adults age 30+ in New York City and Long Island.
- Conducted from August 5-10, 2026.
- Via landline and cell phone.
- Findings applying to 600 sample are subject to sampling error of plus or minus 3.9%
- Subgroups are subject to error of up to plus or minus 10%.

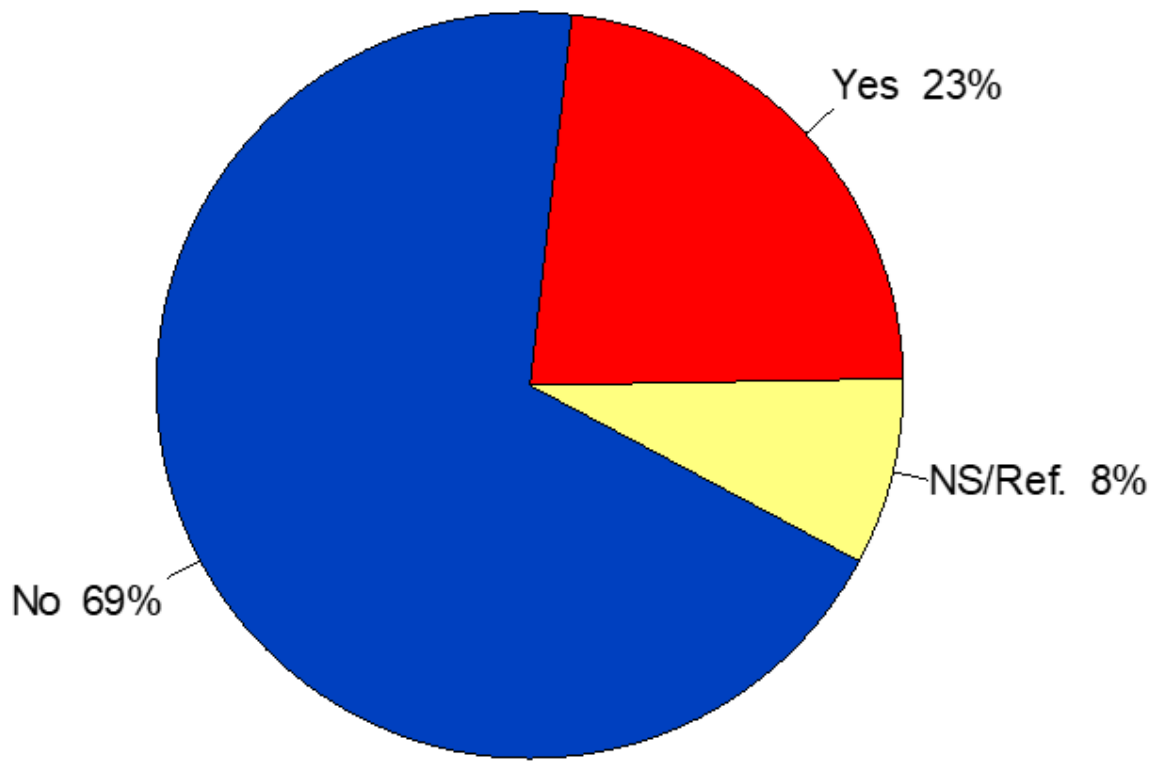


KEY FINDINGS

- The impact of 9/11 is still being felt 25 years later for almost all residents who were age 21 or older in 2001.
- For almost two-thirds of the poll respondents, that day is still a clear memory.
- 62% remember clearly where they were on 9/11; 24% have a vague memory and only 11% don't remember.
- The most striking difference is by age – only 33% of people who were under age 21 on 9/11 remember the day clearly, compared to 70% of those who were age 21-40 and 65% of those who were over age 40.
- 41% of all respondents say they or an immediate family member were directly impacted by 9/11.
- 10% of respondents were or have an immediate family member who was a first responder on 9/11.
- Over one-third (35%) say they or a family member were in the immediate area surrounding the WTC on 9/11.

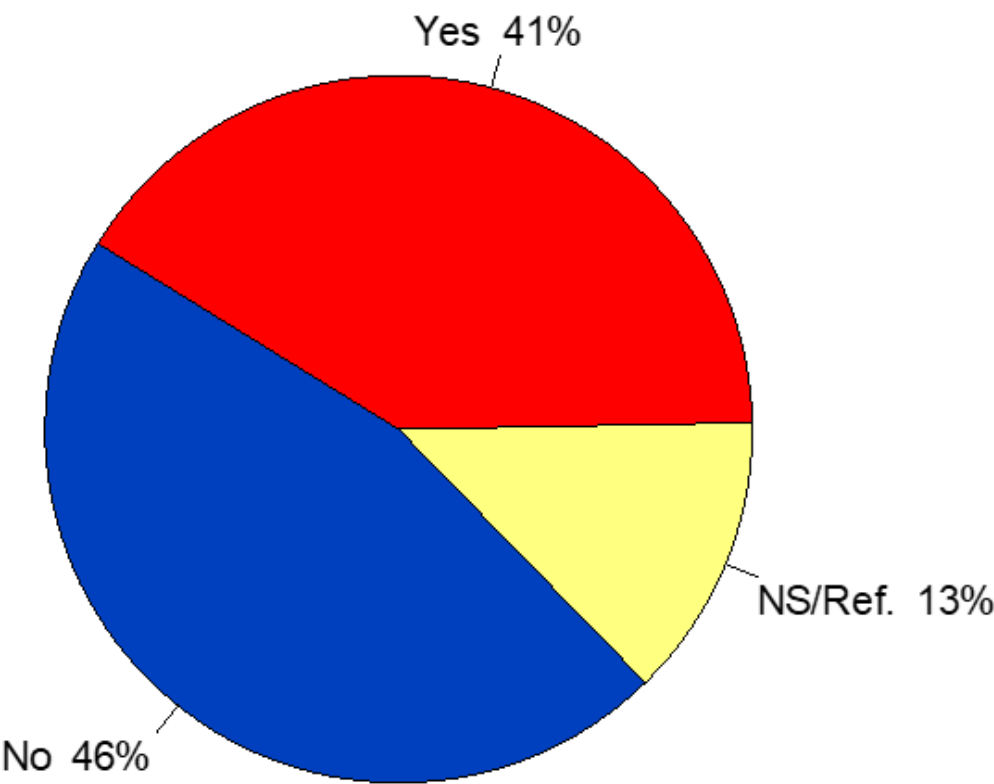
KEY FINDINGS

Q.8 DID YOU PERSONALLY KNOW ANYONE WHO WAS
KILLED ON 9/11?



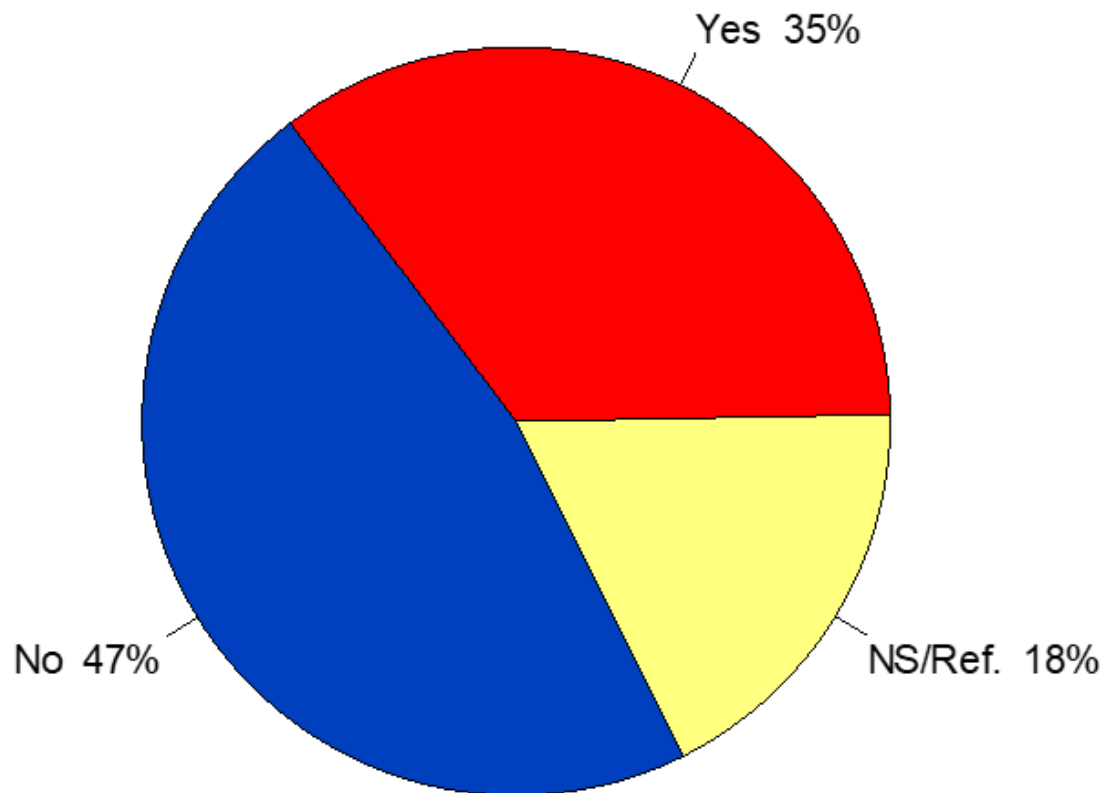
KEY FINDINGS

Q.5 WERE YOU OR AN IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBER
DIRECTLY IMPACTED BY 9/11?



KEY FINDINGS

Q.7 WERE YOU OR A FAMILY MEMBER IN THE IMMEDIATE AREA SURROUNDING THE WTC ON 9/11?

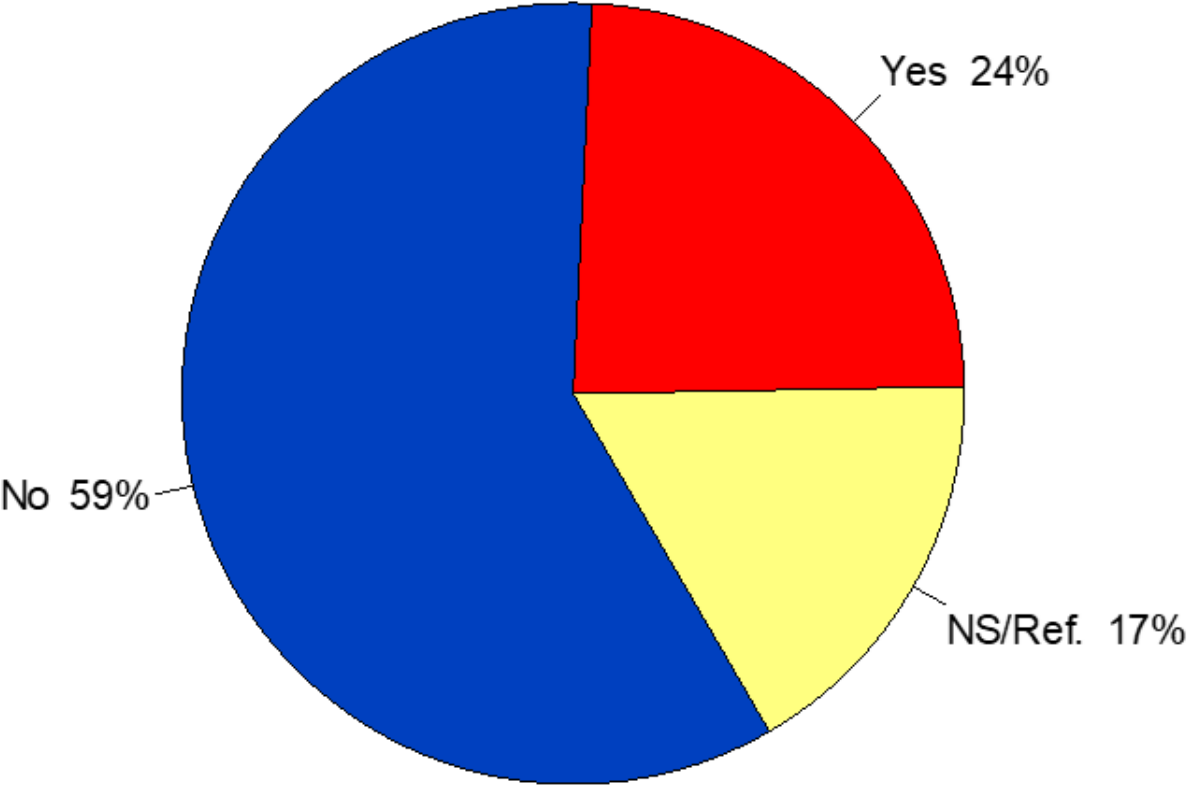


KEY FINDINGS

- Over 3/4 of respondents say 9/11 permanently changed the way they live their daily life at least somewhat.
- 34% of respondents say they feel like 9/11 was yesterday and the emotions are still raw. 57% of age 30-45 year olds say it feels like a distant historical event that does not affect their daily life
- 25% of respondents note that they suffer from trauma or mental health disorders from the impact of that day

KEY FINDINGS

Q.10 DOES A MEMBER OF YOUR IMMEDIATE FAMILY
SUFFER FROM TRAUMA OR MENTAL HEALTH DISORDERS
FROM THE IMPACT OF THAT DAY?

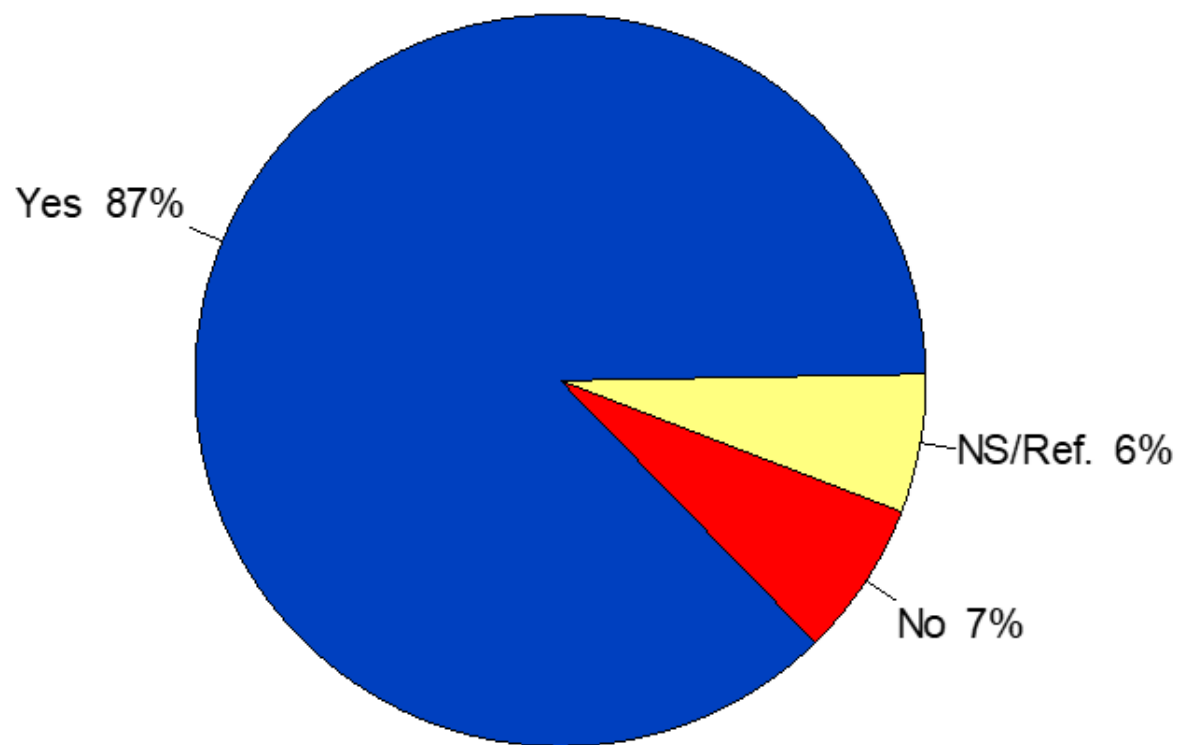


KEY FINDINGS

- A majority of respondents believe the U.S. has become less safe since 9/11. 27% say somewhat less safe and 33% say much less safe.
- There is strong agreement across the board that the federal government should continue to fund a program that provides no-cost, periodic medical monitoring and treatment to those with certified 9/11 health conditions.

KEY FINDINGS

Q.14 SHOULD THE FEDERAL GOVT. CONTINUE TO FUND A PROGRAM THAT PROVIDES NO-COST, PERIODIC MEDICAL MONITORING AND TREATMENT TO THOSE WITH CERTIFIED 9/11 HEALTH CONDITIONS?



KEY FINDINGS

- 33% of respondents say the spirit of unity in the country is completely gone and we are deeply divided, 35% say we are divided but can still unite during a major crisis, and 26% say the country remains unified in its core values



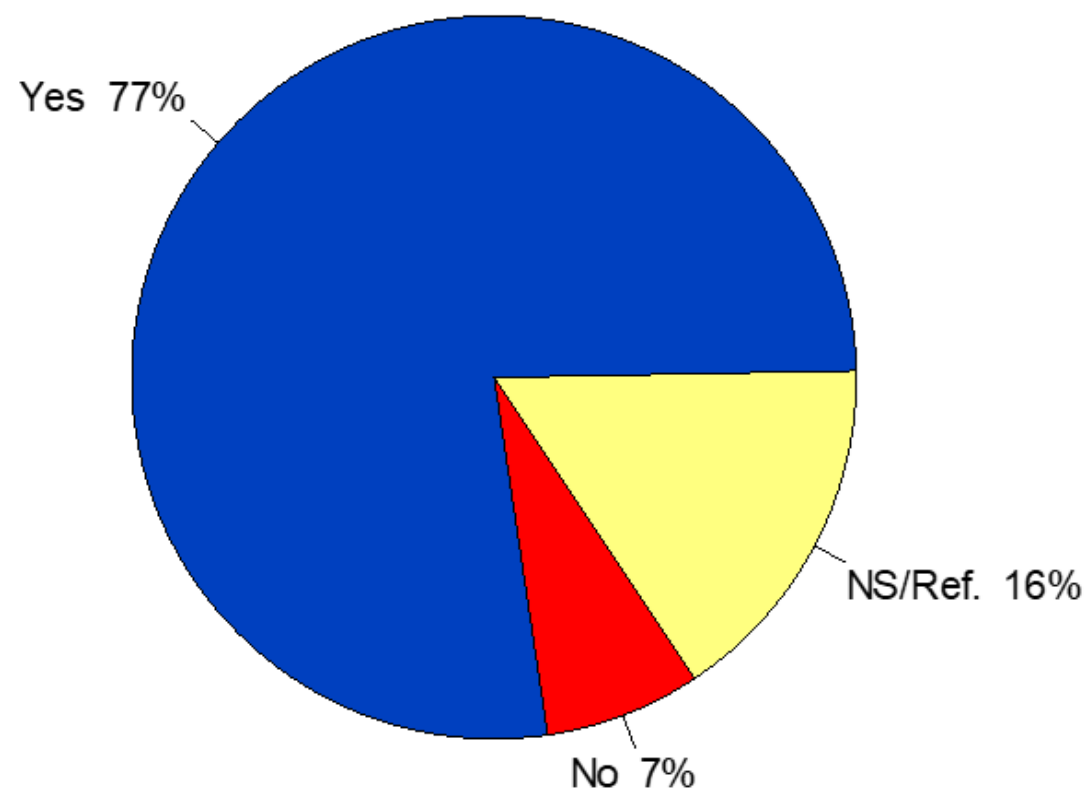
KEY FINDINGS

- 77% of respondents say schools nationwide should be mandated to teach students about the 9/11 attack and its ramifications.
- Subjects include: the power of unity, volunteering, and resilience, the evil of global terrorism and what drives terrorists, and the heroism of first responders and everyday citizens.



KEY FINDINGS

Q.16 SHOULD SCHOOLS NATIONWIDE BE MANDATED TO TEACH STUDENTS ABOUT THE 9/11 ATTACK AND ITS RAMIFICATIONS?



KEY FINDINGS

Traditional memorial ceremonies are still the preferred way to honor victims and responders of 9/11.

