

Poll: Most in NJ approve of Muslim monitoring

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NEWARK, N.J. (AP) - A new poll finds most New Jersey residents support the secret monitoring of Muslim groups by the New York Police Department, though that sentiment isn't as strong in Hudson and Essex counties.

The Rutgers-Eagleton Poll released Friday found 47% of New Jerseyans felt the monitoring was necessary, while 32% were against it, saying it violated civil liberties.

Twelve percent said it was necessary even though it violated civil liberties.

In Hudson and Essex counties, where the monitoring was conducted, 37% were in favor while 44% said it violated civil liberties.

Three-quarters of 601 adults surveyed in the last week said secret monitoring of groups is at least somewhat effective in combating terrorism.

The survey has a margin of error of plus or minus four percentage points.

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