

Interviews with $\mathbf{1 , 0 1 5}$ adult Americans conducted by telephone by ORC International on April 13-15, 2012. The margin of sampling error for results based on the total sample is plus or minus 3 percentage points. The sample also includes 910 interviews among registered voters (plus or minus 3.5 percentage points).

The sample includes 759 interviews among landline respondents and 256 interviews among cell phone respondents.
25. Would you say that the following represent a very serious threat to the United States, a moderately serious threat, just a slight threat, or no threat at all? (RANDOM ORDER)

|  | Very serious threat | Moderately serious threat | Just a slight threat | No threat at all | $\begin{gathered} \text { No } \\ \text { opinion } \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Iran |  |  |  |  |  |
| April 13-15, 2012 | 48\% | 33\% | 14\% | 4\% | 1\% |
| June 26-28, 2009 | 43\% | 36\% | 13\% | 7\% | * |
| North Korea |  |  |  |  |  |
| April 13-15, 2012 | 43\% | 33\% | 15\% | 8\% | 1\% |
| June 26-28, 2009 | 52\% | 28\% | 14\% | 6\% | * |
| Syria |  |  |  |  |  |
| April 13-15, 2012 | 17\% | 40\% | 23\% | 16\% | 4\% |
| Russia |  |  |  |  |  |
| April 13-15, 2012 | 11\% | 33\% | 29\% | 24\% | 2\% |
| June 26-28, 2009 | 11\% | 28\% | 29\% | 31\% | 1\% |

## CNN/TIME TRENDS

|  | Very serious | Moderately Serious | Slight threat | Not a threat | Not Sure |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | \% | \% | \% | \% | \% |
| North Korea |  |  |  |  |  |
| January 15-16, 2003 | 45 | 31 | 13 | 9 | 2 |
| May 22-23, 2002 | 19 | 27 | 23 | 26 | 5 |
| June 14-15, 2000 | 17 | 29 | 23 | 20 | 11 |
| Iran |  |  |  |  |  |
| January 15-16, 2003 | 35 | 31 | 19 | 13 | 2 |
| May 22-23, 2002 | 50 | 30 | 10 | 8 | 2 |
| June 14-15, 2000 | 29 | 36 | 18 | 11 | 6 |
| May 26-27, 1999 | 27 | 32 | 20 | 15 | 6 |
| May 8-9, 1996 | 29 | 36 | 19 | 10 | 6 |
| Russia |  |  |  |  |  |
| January 15-16, 2003 | 11 | 25 | 27 | 34 | 3 |
| May 22-23, 2002 | 7 | 24 | 25 | 41 | 3 |
| June 14-15, 2000 | 19 | 33 | 24 | 18 | 6 |
| May 26-27, 1999 | 24 | 33 | 20 | 20 | 3 |
| May 8-9, 1996 | 14 | 36 | 23 | 24 | 3 |
| November, 1989* | 19 | 36 | 23 | 18 | 4 |
| November, 1985* | 32 | 44 | 17 | 5 | 2 |
| December, 1983* | 49 | 39 | 7 | 3 | 2 |
| September, 1983* | 52 | 35 | 10 | 2 | 1 |
| June, 1983* | 65 | 25 | 6 | 3 | 1 |

[^0]26. Do you think the situation involving North Korea can be successfully resolved using only economic and diplomatic efforts, or not?

|  | April 13-15 | Oct. 13-15 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\underline{2012}$ | $\underline{2006}$ |
| Yes, can be | $53 \%$ | $60 \%$ |
| No, cannot | $44 \%$ | $35 \%$ |
| No opinion | $3 \%$ | $5 \%$ |

## CNN/USA TODAY/GALLUP TRENDS

|  | Yes, can be | No, cannot | No opinion |
| :---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 2003 Jan 3-5 | 72 | 20 | 8 |

27. If the United States does not accomplish its goals regarding North Korea with economic and diplomatic efforts, would you favor or oppose using military action against North Korea?

|  | April 13-15 | Oct. 13-15 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\underline{2012}$ | $\underline{2006}$ |
| Favor | $38 \%$ | $40 \%$ |
| Oppose | $59 \%$ | $56 \%$ |
| No opinion | $3 \%$ | $4 \%$ |

## CNN/USA TODAY/GALLUP TRENDS

| Favor | Oppose | No opinion |  |
| :---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 2003 Jan 3-5 | 47 | 48 | 8 |

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Question 25A
Would you say that the following represent a very serious threat to the United States, a moderately serious threat, just a slight threat, or no threat at all?
A. North Korea

Base $=$ Total Sample

|  | Total | Men | Women | White N | Non-White |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Very serious threat | 43\% | 40\% | 45\% | 44\% | 40\% |  |  |
| Moderately serious threat | 33\% | 33\% | 33\% | 34\% | 31\% |  |  |
| Just a slight threat | 15\% | 18\% | 13\% | 15\% | 16\% |  |  |
| No threat at all | 8\% | 8\% | 8\% | 6\% | 12\% |  |  |
| No opinion | 1\% | 1\% | * | * | 2\% |  |  |
| Sampling Error | +/-3.0 | +/-4.5 | +/-4.5 | +/-3.5 + | +/-7.0 |  |  |
|  | Total | $\begin{aligned} & 18- \\ & 34 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 35- \\ & 49 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 50- \\ & 64 \end{aligned}$ | $65+$ | Under $50$ | 50 and Older |
| Very serious threat | 43\% | 38\% | 35\% | 52\% | 48\% | 37\% | 51\% |
| Moderately serious threat | 33\% | 33\% | 37\% | 29\% | 35\% | 35\% | 31\% |
| Just a slight threat | 15\% | 18\% | 19\% | 12\% | 12\% | 18\% | 12\% |
| No threat at all | 8\% | 10\% | 9\% | 7\% | 5\% | 10\% | 6\% |
| No opinion | 1\% | 2\% | * | * | 1\% | 1\% | * |
| Sampling Error | +/-3.0 | +/-8.0 | +/-7.0 | +/-5.0 | +/-5.5 | +/-5.5 | +/-4.0 |
|  | Total | Under \$50K | $\$ 50 \mathrm{~K}$ <br> or more | No College | Atten <br> Colle |  |  |
| Very serious threat | 43\% | 39\% | 44\% | 45\% |  |  |  |
| Moderately serious threat | 33\% | 31\% | 37\% | 29\% |  |  |  |
| Just a slight threat | 15\% | 18\% | 13\% | 14\% |  |  |  |
| No threat at all | 8\% | 11\% | 6\% | 10\% |  |  |  |
| No opinion | 1\% | * | * | 1\% |  |  |  |
| Sampling Error | +/-3.0 | +/-5.0 | +/-4.5 | +/-5.5 | +/-3 |  |  |


|  | Total | Democrat | Independent | Repub- lican | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Lib- } \\ & \text { eral } \end{aligned}$ | Moderate | Conservative |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Very serious threat | 43\% | 35\% | 38\% | 60\% | 33\% | 38\% |  |  |
| Moderately serious threat | 33\% | 37\% | 34\% | 28\% | 35\% | 37\% |  |  |
| Just a slight threat | 15\% | 17\% | 18\% | 9\% | 19\% | 16\% |  |  |
| No threat at all | 8\% | 11\% | 9\% | 3\% | 12\% | 8\% |  |  |
| No opinion | 1\% | * | 2\% | * | * | * |  |  |
| Sampling Error | +/-3.0 | +/-6.0 | +/-4.5 | +/-6.0 | +/-6.5 | +/-5.5 | +/-4 |  |
|  | Total | North <br> east | Midwest | South | West | Urban | Suburban | Rural |
| Very serious threat | 43\% | 43\% | 39\% | 49\% | 36\% | 44\% | 43\% | 45\% |
| Moderately serious threat | 33\% | 29\% | 36\% | 28\% | 42\% | 33\% | 32\% | 35\% |
| Just a slight threat | 15\% | 19\% | 15\% | 14\% | 15\% | 13\% | 17\% | 13\% |
| No threat at all | 8\% | 8\% | 10\% | 8\% | 7\% | 9\% | 6\% | 7\% |
| No opinion | 1\% | 1\% | * | 1\% | 1\% | * | 1\% | * |
| Sampling Error | +/-3.0 | +/-6.5 | +/-6.5 | +/-5.5 | +/-6.5 | +/-5.5 | +/-4.5 | +/-7.0 |
|  |  | Tea Pty | Tea Pty | Tea Pty |  |  |  |  |
|  | Total | Support | Neutral | Oppose |  |  |  |  |
| Very serious threat | 43\% | 55\% | 42\% | 33\% |  |  |  |  |
| Moderately serious threat | 33\% | 32\% | 32\% | 37\% |  |  |  |  |
| Just a slight threat | 15\% | 9\% | 17\% | 20\% |  |  |  |  |
| No threat at all | 8\% | 5\% | 9\% | 9\% |  |  |  |  |
| No opinion | 1\% | * | 1\% | * |  |  |  |  |
| Sampling Error | +/-3.0 | +/-5.5 | +/-5.0 | +/-5.5 |  |  |  |  |

* percentage less than 1\%

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Question 25B
Would you say that the following represent a very serious threat to the United States, a moderately serious threat, just a slight threat, or no threat at all?
B. Iran

Base $=$ Total Sample

|  | Total | Men | Women | White | Non-White |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Very serious threat | ----- | ----- | ----- | ----- | -------- |
| Moderately serious threat | $48 \%$ | $45 \%$ | $51 \%$ | $50 \%$ | $44 \%$ |
| Just a slight threat | $33 \%$ | $33 \%$ | $33 \%$ | $35 \%$ | $28 \%$ |
| No threat at all | $14 \%$ | $16 \%$ | $12 \%$ | $11 \%$ | $19 \%$ |
| No opinion | $4 \%$ | $6 \%$ | $3 \%$ | $3 \%$ | $7 \%$ |
| Sampling Error | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $\star$ | $3 \%$ |
|  | $+/-3.0$ | $+/-4.5$ | $+/-4.5$ | $+/-3.5$ | $+/-7.0$ |

Very serious threat
Moderately serious threat
Just a slight threat
No threat at all
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Just a slight threat
No threat at all
No opinion
Sampling Error

* percentage less than 1\%

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Question 25C
Would you say that the following represent a very serious threat to the United States, a moderately serious threat, just a slight threat, or no threat at all?
C. Syria

Base $=$ Total Sample

|  | Total | Men | Women | White | Non-White |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Very serious threat | ----- | ----- | ----- | ----- | --------- |
| Moderately serious threat | $17 \%$ | $17 \%$ | $18 \%$ | $17 \%$ | $18 \%$ |
| Just a slight threat | $40 \%$ | $33 \%$ | $47 \%$ | $43 \%$ | $33 \%$ |
| No threat at all | $23 \%$ | $27 \%$ | $19 \%$ | $23 \%$ | $24 \%$ |
| No opinion | $16 \%$ | $21 \%$ | $11 \%$ | $15 \%$ | $18 \%$ |
| Sampling Error | $4 \%$ | $2 \%$ | $5 \%$ | $2 \%$ | $7 \%$ |
|  | $+/-3.0$ | $+/-4.5$ | $+/-4.5$ | $+/-3.5$ | $+/-7.0$ |

Very serious threat Moderately serious threat Just a slight threat
No threat at all
No opinion
Sampling Error
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No opinion
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Moderately serious threat
Just a slight threat
No threat at all
No opinion
Sampling Error

|  | Total | east | west | South |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Very serious threat | 17\% | 18\% | 11\% | 24\% |
| Moderately serious threat | 40\% | 33\% | 42\% | 41\% |
| Just a slight threat | 23\% | 23\% | 22\% | 21\% |
| No threat at all | 16\% | 22\% | 22\% | 11\% |
| No opinion | 4\% | 5\% | 3\% | 3\% |
| Sampling Error | +/-3.0 | +/-6.5 | +/-6.5 | +/-5.5 |
|  | Total | Tea Pty <br> Support | Tea Pty Neutral | Tea Pty Oppose |
| Very serious threat | 17\% | 22\% | 19\% | 10\% |
| Moderately serious threat | 40\% | 43\% | 37\% | 44\% |
| Just a slight threat | 23\% | 21\% | 22\% | 26\% |
| No threat at all | 16\% | 12\% | 17\% | 19\% |
| No opinion | 4\% | 2\% | 6\% | 1\% |

* percentage less than 1\%

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Question 25D
Would you say that the following represent a very serious threat to the United States, a moderately serious threat, just a slight threat, or no threat at all?
D. Russia

Base $=$ Total Sample

|  | Total | Men | Women | White | Non-White |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Very serious threat | ----- | ----- | ----- | ----- | -------- |
| Moderately serious threat | $11 \%$ | $12 \%$ | $11 \%$ | $11 \%$ | $12 \%$ |
| Just a slight threat | $33 \%$ | $30 \%$ | $37 \%$ | $34 \%$ | $32 \%$ |
| No threat at all | $29 \%$ | $27 \%$ | $32 \%$ | $29 \%$ | $32 \%$ |
| No opinion | $24 \%$ | $30 \%$ | $18 \%$ | $25 \%$ | $20 \%$ |
| Sampling Error | $2 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $2 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $4 \%$ |
|  | $+/-3.0$ | $+/-4.5$ | $+/-4.5$ | $+/-3.5$ | $+/-7.0$ |

Very serious threat Moderately serious threat Just a slight threat
No threat at all
No opinion
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Moderately serious threat
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No threat at all
No opinion
Sampling Error

Very serious threat
Moderately serious threat
Just a slight threat
No threat at all
No opinion
Sampling Error
Very serious threat
Moderately serious threat
Just a slight threat
No threat at all
No opinion
Sampling Error

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Question 26
Do you think the situation involving North Korea can be successfully resolved using only economic and diplomatic efforts, or not?

Base $=$ Total Sample

Yes, can be
No, cannot
No opinion
Sampling Error

Yes, can be
No, cannot No opinion Sampling Error

Yes, can be
No, cannot
No opinion
Sampling Error
Yes, can be
No, cannot
No opinion
Sampling Error
Yes, can be
No, cannot
No opinion
Sampling Error

Yes, can be
No, cannot
No opinion
Sampling Error

| Total | Men | Women | White | Non-White |
| ---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| ----- | ----- | ----- | ----- | ------- |
| $53 \%$ | $53 \%$ | $53 \%$ | $51 \%$ | $58 \%$ |
| $44 \%$ | $46 \%$ | $42 \%$ | $47 \%$ | $37 \%$ |
| $3 \%$ | $2 \%$ | $5 \%$ | $2 \%$ | $5 \%$ |
| $+/-3.0$ | $+/-4.5$ | $+/-4.5$ | $+/-3.5$ | $+/-7.0$ |


|  | $18-$ | $35-$ | $50-$ |  | Under | 50 and |
| ---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total | 34 | 49 | 64 | $65+$ | 50 | Older |
| ----- | ---- | ---- | ---- | ---- | ---- | ----- |
| $53 \%$ | $64 \%$ | $51 \%$ | $50 \%$ | $41 \%$ | $58 \%$ | $47 \%$ |
| $44 \%$ | $33 \%$ | $46 \%$ | $47 \%$ | $53 \%$ | $39 \%$ | $50 \%$ |
| $3 \%$ | $3 \%$ | $3 \%$ | $3 \%$ | $5 \%$ | $3 \%$ | $4 \%$ |
| $+/-3.0$ | $+/-8.0$ | $+/-7.0$ | $+/-5.0$ | $+/-5.5$ | $+/-5.5$ | $+/-4.0$ |

* percentage less than 1\%

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Question 27
If the United States does not accomplish its goals regarding North Korea with economic and diplomatic efforts, would you favor or oppose using miltary action against North Korea?

Base $=$ Total Sample


* percentage less than 1\%


[^0]:    * Russia was asked as the "Soviet Union" from 1983 to 1989.
    ** China was asked as "Communist China" in 1983

[^1]:    * percentage less than 1\%

